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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1742, Oct 9-15, 2014

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[1741 replayed]
Thu 1230	WRMI	9955	[confirmed, with France via Taiwan QRM]
Fri 0327v	WWRB	3185	[confirmed at 0333]
Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 & 15770	[confirmed]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0131	KVOH	9975	[confirmed]
Sun 1000	WRMI	5850	[NEW]
Sun 2300	WRMI	11580	[confirmed; NEW]
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955	[still with France via Taiwan QRM?]
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v	
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or 1743 if ready in time]

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http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de
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** ALBANIA. 9844.976, Radio Tirana in English from Shijak site, IS and jingle R Tirana noted 0156 til 0157 UT, TX OFF at 0157:57 UT. Program heard on short skip zone some hundreds kilometers away in Stuttgart Germany in midnight at 0132 UT on Oct 4. S=7-8 strength or -80dBm, talk on Kosovo politics and integration into EU (Wolfgang B.schel, Oct 4, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 6 Oct via DXLD)

11775, Oct 8 at 0515, good signal in Arabic, holding its own against 11780 Brasil: CRI at 05-07 via Cîrrik, better than // 9515, 9590 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. FRANCE, 11985, R. Algerienne via France, Oct 01 0648-0659*, 35433, Arabic, Talk, ID and frequency announce at 0654,

0659 sign off.

11985, R. Algerienne via France, Oct 02 0647-0659*, 35433, Arabic, Talk and Arabic music, ID and frequency announce at 0654, 0659 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arc-ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 1912-1933, 06-10, Spanish, comments and songs. Very weak today. 14321 (Manuel M endez, logs in Lugo, Spain, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. RAE Buenos Aires, 15345 kHz transmitter down. See below, two different notifications about a failure of the 15345 transmitter.

RAE Buenos Aires 15345v kHz is Sept 25 at 2020 UT NOT ON AIR. RAE transmitter at Buenos Aires are at least 35 years old, Harris TX type of 1977 year. Same type like R Nacional de Chile shortwave units? (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 5, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 6 Oct via DXLD)

-----Original-Nachricht-----

Betreff: aus f,r 15345 Khz

Datum: Fri, 03 Oct 2014 18:36:47 +0200

Von: "Dieter Leupold"

Lieber Herr Leupold! seit 29.09.2014, leider sind wir seit gestern aus technischen Gr,nden nicht auf der Kurzwelle zu empfangen. Die Sendungen werden also (hoffentlich nur vorl ufig!) nur ,bers Internet ausgestrahlt. Sie k nnen sie mittlerweile auch auf unserer Homepage empfangen: <http://rae.radionacional.com.ar> Liebe Gr,fle! Ray n Braun

Liebe Freunde! Aus technischen Gr,nden werden alle Sendungen von RAE ab heute und bis auf weiteres nur auf 6060 kHz im 49 m Band (und nat,rlich auch ,bers Internet!) ausgestrahlt. Liebe Freunde! Aus technischen Gr,nden sind wir momentan nicht in der Lage, unsere Sendungen auf der Kurzwelle auszustrahlen. Sobald das Problem behoben ist, teilen wir es Ihnen mit, ja?Bis dann k nnen Sie uns live ,bers Internet empfangen oder die Sendungen bei radio360.eu nachholen. LG! Mit gut DX best 55 & 73 Dieter Leupold aus Leipzig (Posted by: via "Kai Ludwig", Oct 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

Therefore the 11711v transmitter was also off the air, since they are one and the same; and we had been noting 11711 missing (gh, DXLD)

15345, RAE heard at 2120 on 07 Oct with fair signals. Possible 11710 log at 0130, 08 Oct; however too much static to be definite. There

were, however, two signals around 11710 at this time so could have been Cairo and RAE but both were weak and covered by static (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. Lunedì 6 ottobre 2014: Alle 2100, come da sito di Radio 700 ho provato se su 3985 c'era la RAE in tedesco: niente, solo musica leggera tedesca (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44 21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** ARMENIA. October 2: Voice of Armenia in Assyrian to ME 1530 on 4810 Yerevan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK-KtRCh6tc&feature=youtu.be>

October 4: Voice of Armenia in Kurdish to ME 1546 on 4810 Yerevan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTOExyFBK7U&feature=youtu.be>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.471, Radio Symban, Greek folk music observed on remote SDR unit in Sydney-NSW-AUS, at 1058 UT on Oct 2. S=9 or -74dBm signal strength (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. TIME CHANGE SILLY SEASON

It happens every year and the fact that the world doesn't have a standard date for local seasonal time changes drives us all a little crazy. This notice is posted on the ABC Radio Australia website:

"Schedule changes due to Daylight Saving [sic]

As Daylight Saving time commences in Australia on Sunday 5 October, you will notice some changes to our radio schedule. Our flagship Pacific affairs program, Pacific Beat, will remain in its regular morning and afternoon time slots. But you will hear some of your favourite programs an hour earlier than you are used to."

(Actually, this already happened in New Zealand last weekend.)

This temporarily puts Australian Eastern Time (where RA is located) 11 hours ahead of GMT/UTC, 15 hours ahead of New York time, 16 hours ahead of Chicago, 17 hours ahead of Denver and 18 hours ahead of Los Angeles. New Zealand presently is 13 hours ahead of GMT, 17 ahead of New York, 18 ahead of Chicago, 19 ahead of Denver and 20 ahead of Los Angeles. Another hour will be added to these gaps when most of North America reverts to standard time on November 2. Confused yet? (John Figliozzi, <http://www.lgonline.com> Oct 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not so confused if you forget about converting them to all the

different US timezones, and just stay with UT! (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

John - You should have a listen to ABC News radio once DST comes this Sunday - the time announcements are quite a mouthful. 73 (Tony Magon VK2IC, ibid.)

15300, 15240, 13630, Oct 8 at 0513, no signals from RA, which have normally been good to very good. Propagation is degraded and not much else on these bands either, but not sure if Sheps are really off the air at the moment. 24 hours later, 13630 is weak but audible.

9580 & 12065, Oct 8 at 1128, RA live coverage of the Lunar eclipse, with visual references as if we could be watching it on the radio --- so it's 'The World' TV newscast or whatever they may have renamed it, shifted one UT hour earlier to 11-12 instead of 12-13, due to otherwise irrelevant DST in NSW & Victoria which just started Oct 5.

It turns out this has caused a major revamp in SW programming, not merely shifting everything one UT hour earlier. One cannot necessarily believe the accuracy of everything in RA's online program guide, but once making sure it displays UT instead of London as ``my local time``, we find that 'The World' is supposedly only on Tue & Fri at 11-12, which makes no sense for a major daily(?) newscast, and anyway this is Wednesday! 'The Daily Planet' of world music is gone from 13-14, as 'Unearthed', music I dislike from JJJ is now at 13-17, what a waste! as rap already heard Oct 9 at 1345 past 1400, no break even for news; but soon an ad for Triple-J T-shirts. This date // 9475 also audible past 1400 with WTWW's failure to QSY from 5830.

'Late Night Live', the excellent ABC talkshow, however, now appears at 12-13 [Mon-Thu only?], confirmed Oct 9 just before 1300.

Further chex of the skeds as displayed Oct 9: claims 'The World' is two hours on Fridays at 11-13, but probably missing an entry for 12-13; 'Saturday Night Country' is to last from 12 to 15 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15105, Bangladesh Betar, Oct 02 1243-1253, 24432, English, Theme music and ID at 1243, Talk and Bangladesh music (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Oct 2 at 1359:27.5, last higher and prolonged pip of mistimesignal makes it thru on JBA signal with flutter, from Bangladesh Betar opening Urdu.

15505, Oct 3 at 1358, open carrier from Bangladesh Betar, 1359:00

start IS, 1359:24.5 end 5+1 mistimesignal, opening Urdu. This is three seconds earlier/faster than yesterday, but I'm sure it just varies rather than precesses like Chaski sign-offs. Poor with flutter, but ``best`` yet heard this ``season`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13580, Bangladesh Betar; 1819...1854:54*, 3-Oct; M in English with sub-cont'l music; 1858 closing, "...end of xmsn... Bangladesh Betar." SIO=142 with pulse bursts (Frodge-PHMI)

15105, Bangladesh Betar; 1236-1243+, 4-Oct; "News Commentary" on trade talks with India; 1241 BB promo & program notes, "You're tuned to the external service of Bangladesh Betar". SIO=333, QRM from Chinese on 15110 (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9455, Bangladesh Betar, Oct 04 1321-1331, 35443, Nepali, News and Bangladesh music, ID at 1323.

15105, Bangladesh Betar, Oct 04 1235-1245, 34443, English, News and Bangladesh music, ID at 1241 and 1242.

15505, Bangladesh Betar, Oct 04 1406-1423, 35333-25332, Urdu, News and Bangladesh music, ID at 1408 and 1412 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Oct 7 at *1358:28, BB carrier on and shortly IS, then mistimesignal ending at 1359:20, getting earlier and earlier, and opening Urdu. Fair signal, improving (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. [Re 14-40:] Glenn, Re your query about the location of Port Douglas (Belarus item from John Adams), it's in Far North Queensland, about an hour up the coast from Cairns. Regards, (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Belarus noted 23460 (2 x 11730) 1345-1400 2/10/14 with programme of Armenian music (Tim Bucknall, England, Oct 4, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

11730 Minsk-Kalodzicy Belarus Radio, Polish language service scheduled 16-18 UT, S=9+30dB or -42dBm, logged with two very strong distorted spurious signals of S=9+5dB on

11694 - 11712 kHz and

11751 - 11762 kHz. Polish ID at 1722 UT (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

11730, Radio Belarus; 2101-2112+, 4-Oct; M in English with many mentions of Belarus; ID at 2112 "You are tuned to Radio Belarus".

SIO=3+32 with whine QRM; poor-fair but much better than previous day (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) See too GERMANY [and non]

** BENIN. 1566 at 2208-2215 UT on Sept 23. Religious talk in French by man. At 2215 UT ID in English as "This is the international voice of TWR in Benin" followed by the same announcement in French. Signal was fading and on the same frequency was a station from the Netherlands playing Indian music, interrupted by short announcements by man. TWR signal was at SIO 222.

TWR Parakou MW 1566 kHz 100 kW, at location
09 36 17.62 N 02 39 00.08 E
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=9.604722&lon=2.65&z=18.8&r=0&src=msa>>
4500 kilometers distance to Germany ...
(Zeljko Crncic, Germany, Sept 23, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

1566, On 1st and 2nd Oct at 0314 UT s/on, gongs and bird sounds as IS, at 0315 UT in English: "This is the international voice of Trans World Radio" and same in French, followed by program in English and from 0330 UT in vernaculars (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 2, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. 6034.96, Bhutan B.S., Oct 01 1224-1234, 33433-32432 vernacular, Bhutan music and talk, // Confirming the parallel Streaming (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6034.96, BBS (presumed) on Oct 3 at 1248 with nice program of Bhutan indigenous music (certainly very different from the music played on PBS Yunnan); seemed to go off at 1258 (tentative); poor. Brief audio attached (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. 50 Jahre TWR Bonaire.
50 Jahre Evangelium per Radio von der Karibikinsel Bonaire.

TWR-Bonaire: Am 1. Oktober 1964 lief die erste Sendung.

Wetzlar/Kralendijk (ERF). Seit 50 Jahren strahlt die internationale Radiomission TWR christliche Sendungen ueber ihre Station auf der Karibikinsel Bonaire (Niederlaendische Antillen) aus. Bonaire liegt in der suedlichen Karibischen See, etwa 100 Kilometer der Kueste von Venezuela vorgelagert. Die Insel der Flamingos und Korallen ist 35 Kilometer lang und bis zu 10 km breit. Der suedliche Teil ist mit weit gestreckten Salzfeldern bedeckt, waehrend der Norden mit seiner

teilweise bewaldeten Huegellandschaft einen lieblichen Anblick bietet.

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<<http://www.erf.de/erf-medien/presse/4355-1365>>

(Oct 1) (BC-DX 6 Oct via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 5970, ZYE523, R·dio Itatiaia (presumed); 0004, 4-Oct; M in Portuguese with game call? but not // 6010.1 with similar. SIO=3+51-

6010.1, ZYE521, R·dio Inconfidência (presumed); 0004, 4-Oct; M in Portuguese with game call? but not //5970 with similar. SIO=3+33-, LSB helped

6135, ZYE954, R·dio Aparecida; 2353-2400+, 3/4-Oct; Portuguese huxter; no ToH break. SIO=3+33, USB helped; 0101, 5-Oct; ID & station list, M commentary in Portuguese; SIO=3+33; // 5035 poor (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was it close to 6135.0? Lately I've found it far too close for comfort to R. Santa Cruz, BOLIVIA circa 6134.8; and RSC no longer seems to have the edge (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11745 & 11815, Oct 2 at 0535, RNA is *still* putting out big dirty distorted spurs again from 11780 transmitter, as first noted 24 hours earlier, and also a weaker one on 11710.

11745 & 11815, Oct 3 at 0545, RNA distorted spurs from 11780 are still here but weaker than last two nights, and not audible on 11710 this time. Maybe they are really attenuated rather than weaker propagation, as 11780 seems as strong as ever without being measured. But they need to be eliminated ASAP. 6180 is still AWOL at 0550 Oct 3 check.

BTW, Wolfgang B·schel reported this on Oct 2: ``awful horrendous and overmodulated distorted signal of AIR probably Khampur unit on 11710.0 kHz at 2255 UT`` --- but could this really have been RNA? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INDIA, 11710.000, even frequency on Oct 2nd at 2255 UT was really much distorted AIR music S Asian style, never RNA/RNB music style (Wolfgang Buschel, dxldyg via DXLD) And more spurs around from BELARUS, q.v.

17-18 UT this early afternoon on Oct 3rd. RNA Brasilia nothing heard on empty channel 11780 kHz (Wolfgang B·schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

11745 & 11815, Oct 4 at 0112, I am not hearing spurs from RNA 11780, tho the local noise level here is pretty high; yet 11815 presumed RBC carrier at least is there unscathed, or dead air? Now its worse enemy

is 11825 WRMI splash. Shall recheck for spurs after 0500.

11745, Oct 4 at 0557, only trace of a spur here now, from good RNA signal on 11780.

11745 & 11815, Oct 5 at 0121, no spurs detectable; seems fixed in only a few days, but what do you bet, they'll be back? 6180 is still off. I read that they are trying to get DRM going and may use that transmitter to do it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 15190.195, R·dio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, whistle heterodyne whistle tone against Brother Stair / RMI Okeechobee Florida outlet even 15190 kHz at 0635 UT Oct 5. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 11595, Dem. V. of Burma via Armenia, Sep 29 *2330-2340, 25332, Burmese, 2330 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk.

11560, Dem. V. of Burma [via Tajikistan --- gh], Oct 04 *1430-1440, 35443, Burmese, 1430 sign on with opening music?, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 9945, CMN Khmer R.(Presumed), Oct 02 *2300-2310, 25322, Khmer, 2300 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Reception on Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok on Oct. 8:
1130-1200 on 17860 DB 200 kW / 125 deg to SEAs Khmer. Three videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/reception-on-voice-of-khmer-mchas-srok.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 950, CFAM, Altona, Manitoba, (serving the Pembina Valley) with Honest to Goodness classical music and an ad for a Canadian window manufacturer at 0510. // to their web stream, but no ID heard on air. They played everything from operatic arias to classical guitar -- it was actually quite nice. But alas, like most Canadian stations, they seem to think IDing is optional! "More Classics on Radio 950" non-ID at 0529 and into more familiar classics. Weather "High of 17" at 0602 but still no ID heard. FINALLY a YL ID "Classics 'till Dawn on

Southern Manitoba's Classical Choice, CFAM - 950." FINALLY! Glad I hung in. WWJ off -- thanks to tip from Larry Russell who called and let me know! In mono but NICE sounding 44+4+4+4 with some other stuff in the background, but the loop nulled most of that out quite completely. Heard 0456-0604 while waiting and waiting for that ID -- pretty steady for the entire hour+ I listened but for rather deep fades at both ToHs (figures). 2/Oct (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. Those pesky pirates --- NO FAIR?: Canada's CRTC wants to put the screws to 3 Indian language stations who court Vancouver listeners but have their transmitting antennas in Washington state.
<http://news.nationalpost.com/2014/10/03/pirate-radio-why-do-three-of-the-biggest-indian-language-stations-in-vancouver-broadcast-out-of-the-u-s/>
(Harry van Vugt, Canada, Oct 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz., nicely illustrated in original, q.v.:

PIRATE RADIO: WHY DO THREE OF THE BIGGEST INDIAN LANGUAGE STATIONS IN VANCOUVER BROADCAST OUT OF THE U.S.?

Tristin Hopper | October 3, 2014 7:34 PM ET

Maninder Gill the director of Radio India broadcasts from the United States despite having all his operations (and audience) in Canada.
[caption]

SURREY, B.C. ñ In a second floor office buzzing with immaculately dressed Sikh men, its walls jammed with community awards, Maninder Gill vowed that when the CRTC comes for him, they will need to idrag himî from his desk.

Mr. Gill, the director of one of Vancouver's most well-known pirate radio stations, will fight them all the way to the Supreme Court. If the regulator starts harassing his advertisers ó as it has threatened ó he'll just drop his advertising rates.

Then he'll call in his listeners. They are many.

îI can get 50,000 people easily, they can fill the roads, they can protest, if they come to shut us down,î said Mr. Gill.

Radio India ó a provider of Indian-language programming to Metro Vancouver's 250,000 Indo-Canadians ó is what is politely known as a icrossborderî radio station. Although its studios are in Metro Vancouver, the station is broadcast via radio towers in Washington State.

The country's most powerful politicians don't seem to care that Radio

India is an outlaw operation. Mr. Gill has been photographed with three B.C. premiers and future prime minister Stephen Harper, and he is the proud owner of a Diamond Jubilee Medal. When Radio India opened its new headquarters in 2004, then-Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps cut the ribbon.

In a single one-hour period on Thursday, the station was visited by both NDP MLA Harry Bains and former Liberal MP Sukh Dhaliwal — both of whom had dropped by to lend their voices to a Radio India telethon for a local charity.

Tell them what Radio India does for the community, Mr. Gill told the politicians as he led the National Post on a tour of his studios.

And it is not just Radio India. Of six Indian-language radio stations operating in Vancouver, three of them snuck onto the AM dial by way of U.S.-based transmitters. Vancouver's backdoor Indian-language radio empire has blossomed into one of the region's most influential media voices. But now, in what may be the most quixotic CRTC mission of modern times, the regulator has vowed to shut them all down.

Maninder Gill with Premier of B.C. Christy Clark [caption]

For the most part, residents in northern Washington State have stopped noticing the mysterious radio towers looming over their communities or wondering why their 90%-white region has such a crystal clear selection of Indian programming.

To tell you the truth I have never heard of them prior to this, one fellow Whatcom County broadcaster told the National Post.

An exception would be quiet enclave of Point Roberts. Last year, residents were driven to organize after getting the surprise news that Sher-E-Punjab's Richmond-based cross-border station had been approved to put up a set of 50,000 watt radio towers at the entrance to their quaint vacation community.

Patrons come into the office at Radio India to donate funds during a telethon at the Surrey, B.C. Radio Station, October 2, 2014. [caption]

Perhaps we could take pride in a station representing Point Roberts, but 99% of locals can't understand the language of [Sher-E-Punjab] broadcasts, wrote one incensed resident.

Stephen Harper with Maninder Gill [caption]

If an American ever tried to build a radio tower on Canadian soil and use it to beam unregulated content into the United States, it would

probably only be a matter of hours before Ottawa brought the hammer down. But in America, people do not look kindly on the government shutting down a radio station.

As long as they're following the FCC's rules, there's nothing to stop these folks from doing what they're doing," said Mark Allen, CEO of the Washington State Association of Broadcasters.

In Canada, they get a rougher ride. In mid-August, the CRTC formally called all three Vancouver pirate stations — Radio India, Radio Punjab and Sher-E-Punjab — to a hearing in Gatineau, Que. The stations were offered a chance to make their case before getting slapped with cease and desist orders.

Cross-border radio stations have always been a thorn in the side of Canada's broadcast regulator. In Kingston, Ont., 102.7 FM brands itself as Kingston's #1 Hit Music Station, despite broadcasting out of Cape Vincent, N.Y. Montreal's i#1 Hit Music Channel — 94.7 FM — is beamed in via 50,000 watt transmitters from Chateaugay, N.Y.

For years, the CRTC has generally done its best to ignore Vancouver's pirates, despite complaints from the city's licensed South Asian broadcasters.

Shushma Datt circa 2008 [caption]

"I'm being affected directly by these stations, so I complain," said Shushma Datt, the owner of two licensed ethnic stations.

Ms. Datt is widely acknowledged as the godmother of Indo-Canadian broadcasting in Canada. A veteran of BBC's London bureau during the 1960s, in 1987 she started Rim Jhim, Canada's first Indo-Canadian radio station, on a subcarrier frequency. Then, after 20 years of trying, in 2005 she was granted an AM radio station that she has recently rebranded as Spice Radio.

She has always played by the rules: She meets her CanCon quota, broadcasts in a minimum of 17 different languages — as per CRTC's ruling and is forbidden from having a single program in Chinese.

Still, she was recently disciplined by the CRTC because she couldn't meet her mandatory \$60,000-a-year payment into Canadian Content Development.

Despite this, Ms. Datt says she has never once considered the temptation of going pirate. In fact, she bristles at the question.

The interior of Radio India. [caption]

iI am a Canadian,i said the Kenyan-born immigrant. iThis is the only country where Iive felt at home.i

Red FM, Metro Vancouverís other licensed South Asian broadcaster, refused comment for this story.

By broadcasting from a foreign country, and in languages that most Canadians canít understand, Vancouverís cross-border stations are relatively free to feature some of the most controversial content in all of B.C.

Where a mainstream Vancouver radio jock might hint that a local politician is dishonest ó the pirate stations would straight up accuse them of buying votes with suitcases full of money.

iIive never seen radio stations with owners using them so heavily to expand their own reach, politically and monetarily,i said Mani Amar, a Surrey filmmaker who has often appeared on Vancouver South Asian radio.

Radio India on October 2, 2014 [caption]

In Radio Indiaís case, the stationís loose cannon style has even erupted into full-blown violence. In August 2010, Mr. Gill allegedly shot a man in the leg in the parking lot outside a Sikh temple. A few weeks later, persons unknown opened up on the broadcasterís house with machine guns. The temple shooting is set to go to trial next year, but Mr. Gill has maintained that he was merely defending himself from Sikh militants who objected to his stationís anti-terrorism stance.

Another account has it that the dual shootings were merely motivated by personal vendetta. Harjit Atwal, the man who took a bullet in the leg at the temple shooting, had been suing Radio India for libel at the timeóand later won.

i[Mr. Gill] said so much against my family on the radio,i Mr. Atwal told a New Westminster courtroom in July.

Radio India was the only station that spoke to the National Post for this story. Sher-E-Punjab ignored repeated requests for comment, and a representative for Radio Punjab said only iyou should come to our hearingi before hanging up.

There is no denying that Radio India is a hugely influential member of Vancouverís Indo-Canadian community.

iRadio India is one of the places you bring your message to your

constituents, whether it's buying ads or getting interviewed," Harry Bains told the National Post.

Maninder Gill with Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon [caption]

On Thursday, their telethon was expected to raise \$10,000 in only a matter of hours. All day long, dozens of turbaned pensioners filed in to the second floor studio to throw down \$50 and \$100 bills for the cause.

Mr. Gill claims they have raised \$10 million for charity in 10 years, and the station's plethora of thank you plaques would seem to corroborate as much.

Radio India and Sher-E-Punjab have tried to go legit in the past, going to the CRTC with exhaustive applications detailing their financial statements, listenership, coverage area and even including independent surveys of Indo-Canadian radio listeners and reams of support letters from government, charities and local corporations.

Still, both stations were rejected by the CRTC this year and in 2005.

Mr. Gill will attend the CRTC hearing in October, but he said the only way the regulator is ever going to shut down Radio India's U.S. radio signal is by giving them space on the Canadian dial.

"If they want me to come under CRTC regulation, give me the frequency," he said.

National Post, with files from Postmedia News? (via DXLD)

**** CANADA. TTP MEDIA SAYS NEWS-TALK STATIONS ARE SIX TO NINE MONTHS UNTIL LAUNCH ---** October 4, 2014 at 11:41 pm Posted in Montreal, Radio <http://blog.fagstein.com/2014/10/04/ttp-media-extension/#more-16073>

From left: Paul Tietolman, Nicolas T  trault and Rajiv Pancholy, partners in 7954689 Canada Inc., aka Tietolman-T  trault-Pancholy Media

Every now and then people ask me about the Tietolman-T  trault-Pancholy group, which has licenses for three high-power AM talk radio stations in Montreal, the first one granted in 2011, but hasn't made any announcements in more than a year.

Rumours abounded that something was wrong. That the group had bitten off more than it could chew. That there was a problem with the three-way partnership and that one or more partners would be bought out by the others. It's been a year since I posted a story because people were wondering what happened to them.

Now we have some more news. On Sept. 19, the CRTC approved applications from the group for extensions on the deadlines to launch its two news-talk stations, a French one at 940 AM and an English one at 600 AM, for another year.

Because the group had already asked for an extension on the 940 station last year, this extension is the last one the commission will give. If the station does not launch by Nov. 21, 2015, its license becomes void.

The English station, which was first approved in 2012, gets an extension until Nov. 9, 2015. That extension could be extended another year if needed, consistent with CRTC precedent on these matters.

The group also has a license for a French-language sports talk station at 850 AM. That licence was granted in June 2013, so they have until June 2015 to launch it or ask for a first extension.

Shareholder issues?

In the letter asking for the extension for the two stations, partner Nicolas T  trault starts off by making a reference to Quebec  s economy and politics, and more curiously saying that iwe have solved our internal shareholder problems   without detailing what they are.

T  trault declined to comment about the stations   current situation or the request for an extension. Rajiv Pancholy, who was the managing partner of the group, did not respond to a request for comment. He has relocated to India, and become the CEO of a company called OnMobile.

But Paul Tietolman, the one partner in the group that did talk to me, said the three remain partners in the venture and intend to respect the CRTC  s rules that require the approval of the commission before any change in ownership that would alter the effective control of the licensees.

Tietolman did, however, hint that he  s working on projects of his own, apart from T  trault and Pancholy. He didn  t elaborate.

Almost ready to go

T  trault writes in his letter that the stations should be on the air within six to nine months, and asked for 12-month extensions to give some margin for error.

He writes that they are in the process of finalizing the acquisition of equipment and renovations for their office and studios in downtown

Montreal. I understand that the space is in St-Henri near the Atwater Market, which is close enough to downtown while still being industrial enough to have cheap rent.

TTP Media has a lease with Cogeco for the use of the former CFCF/CIQC/CINW/CINF/etc. site in Kahnawake. And the 940 signal is ready to go from that site. But Tietolman expressed dissatisfaction with the English signal on 600, even though it is the former frequency of CIQC (and using the same transmission site). He suggested technical changes might be in the future to rectify that.

The group has a few options on the table. It could look for a new transmitter site, such as the one it plans to build in Ile Perrot for the 850 AM station. It could make changes to the Cogeco site to make the pattern different. Or it could seek a second transmitter, possibly a low-power AM or FM transmitter in the West Island that could augment its signal there. (There aren't any obvious frequencies for an FM transmitter in the West Island, unless they want to do it on 107.9 and piss off more NPR listeners).

Depending on what they decide to do, it could conceivably delay the launch of the English station.

All we know for sure is that now they have a hard deadline. If the 940 station doesn't launch by November 2015, it won't launch ever. And they'll have to reapply from scratch, possibly battling again against other groups that wanted a full-power AM signal on a clear-channel frequency (Fagstein blog via DXLD)

** CANADA. I've been noticing that the Vancouver CBC SW outlet is a little off frequency. Earlier in the evening, they were on 6159.978 kHz, and now, I'm measuring them on 6159.974, so the transmitter seems to be drifting a bit. No sign at all of CKZN, so are they still on the air? All this during the early morning hours of 3 Oct 2014, UT. The signal strength is very good, so I wonder whether there's been any antenna, and/or transmitter maintenance recently. 73 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, 0546 UT Oct 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CKZU has been on low side for some time, varying slightly (gh, DXLD)

I think CKZN is on, checking via NJ remote Perseus, carrying different programming than CKZN via western receivers. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, DXplorer via Wolfgang B, schel, DXLD)

I wondered about Nfld, as this is the time of year that in past years I've heard them dominating the frequency over Vancouver. Cheers, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, ibid.)

Checked some US/Canadian remote units in 16-17 UT slot.

6159.972, Could only trace the Vancouver island unit CKZU, interview of earth gas energy delivers from Russia to China soon. 1635 UT on Oct 3, on Perseus S=9+20dB or -54dBm on local remote Vancouver unit. CKZN no sign, not heard at present. FYI. CKZN no sign in 16-17 UT today, maybe on repair? 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 3, ibid.)

6160-, Oct 4 at 0055, seems only one CBC signal is audible very poorly, and RHC 6165 carrier is already on. Can't copy anything local before 0106 with RHC modulating, nor what CBC program follows to nail down the timezone. Wolfgang B,schel and Walt Salmani as of Oct 3 think CKZN Newfoundland has been off the air, leaving CKZU Vancouver. Both of them are/were slightly on the low side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CKZN Newfoundland, 6160 is indeed still on the air as heard here at 0825 on 4 October (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re: kanadische Fußprints f,r who-is-who. CKZN St. Johns war am 3.10. tags,ber in Reparatur, aber nachts wieder h^rbar. Im Perseus remote Net lassen sich heute Abend (4. / 5. Okt) wieder beide Stationen h^ren.

6159.968 CKZN St. Johns deutlich schwächer, geh^rt in Rochester NY, um 2330 UT Oct 4 und 0010 UT Oct 5. Country music.

6159.976 CKZU Vancouver Isl, um 2347 UT Oct 4. Middle of the road music. Und Novelle ,ber kanadischen Highway #16 um 2350 UT und 0008 UT Oct 5. 73 (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

★★ CANARY ISLANDS. 50 A-OS DE RNE EN CANARIAS

Durante todo este aõo, Radio Nacional de Espaõa (RNE) ha celebrado los 50 aõos del inicio de sus emisiones en las islas Canarias, que fue el 20 de septiembre de 1964, con la inauguraci³n del Centro Emisor del Atl·ntico. El 18 de julio de 1964 comenzaron las emisiones en pruebas. Desde ese conjunto de antenas, de onda media y onda corta, se emitieron, en primer lugar, indicativos con la finalidad de dar a conocer su existencia. Dos meses y dos d½as despuÈs, el 20 de septiembre de 1964, comenzaron las emisiones regulares la emisora de RNE en Canarias. El centro emisor del Atl·ntico estaba constituido por tres transmisores, dos de onda corta (con una potencia de 50 kilowatios) y una emisora de Onda Media (de 100 kilowatios). Con estos transmisores y antenas se cubr½a todo el archipiÈlago canario, las provincias espaõolas del ;frica continental e IberoamÈrica. Entrevistamos a JosÈ Antonio Pardellas, que fue locutor, redactor, director de programas, y que asumi³ responsabilidades como la direcci³n, precisamente, de la emisora de RNE en Canarias (entre 1981

y 1994). Con Él hablamos de estos 50 años de la radio pública en las islas Canarias. (Resumen del Programa, Amigos de la Onda Corta, Oct 5, via JosÉ Bueno, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** CHILE. 7550-AM, 04/10 0155 UT [Sat]. ID de RCW. A las 02 hasta las 0210 noticias de NHK, luego música latinoamericana, especialmente de orquestas de los años 50ís y 60ís hasta las 0255, cuando se da un periodo de avisos de nuevos programas de la emisora. Desde las 03 UT, Música de Samba y Bossa Nova hasta las 0330, para pasar a 10 minutos de tangos y 10 minutos de música cubana hasta las 0350. Desde Ése horario hasta las 04 se repite el noticiero de NHK, la ID final e himno nacional de Chile. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Helicoidal para banda de 40 Metros, QTH: Ovalle, Chile. Condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

** CHINA. 19000, Oct 2 at 1354, CNR1 jammer vs RFA Tibet via Kuwait, making very poor het with FRG-7 birdie, and again no lower OOB jammers found (just 15115/15195/15265). One might expect extra jamming during this holiday week celebrating the anniversary of the ChiCom Party combined with repression/suppression in Hong Kong, East Turkistan, Tibet, etc.; maybe propagation just is not cooperating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CRASHANDBANGISTAN: 9805, 2330, 4-Oct; Crash & Bang Chinese music under Chinese? Aoki shows Radio Free Asia via UAE in Tibetan (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Could be another jammer you heard, CNR1 instead of victim (gh, DXLD)

17480, Oct 5 at 1309, good signal with Chinese music, heavy flutter. It's a CNR1 jammer, only here to jam BBC Uzbek via Thailand, and gone at 1333 recheck. Similar signals but somewhat less fluttery from CRI EAST TURKISTAN, Kashgar and Urumqi on 17560, 17640, 17650.

19010, Oct 5 at 1311, CNR1 jammer, music // 17480, good here but also heavy flutter; this being vs RFA Tibetan via Kuwait on its Sunday-only 11-12 & 13-14 channel. No others audible in the 16s or 14s, and in the 15s, only the inbanders (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHN mainland firedrake music jamming at 0430 UT Oct 7 on 21530 and 17855 kHz, 73 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

12910, Oct 7 at 1257, CNR1 jammer, very poor with flutter

14920, Oct 7 at 1258-1300*, CNR1 jammer, poor // 12910, cut off after timesignal; hurriedly checked 16s before then, none heard.

18980, Oct 7 at 1329, CNR1 jammer, poor with flutter // song on 11785
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also TIBET [non]

** CHINA. Additional unscheduled frequencies of China Radio
International to SE Asia:

0700-0757 on 17875 KUN 500 kW / 175 deg Cantonese

0830-0927 on 17705 KUN 500 kW / 177 deg Indonesian

// frequency 17735 KUN 100 kW / 175 deg Indonesian

// frequency 15115 KUN 100 kW / 175 deg Indonesian, not heard today

// frequency 15135 KUN 500 kW / 177 deg Indonesian, QRM RL Ru 15130

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/additional-unscheduled-frequencies-of.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Oct 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHRISTMAS ISLAND. [ham] 7128-LSB, VK9AN 1418+ 1 Oct. Op Rob (N7QT)
calling WCNA and listening 7143-47; fair signal & not bothered by the
usual plethora of Indo ragchewers that hang out on the low end of 40M
every morning (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras on 6010.18 at 0135,
Spanish conversation by male and female, not strong but audio is good,
best in LSB. 73, Perseus and vertical (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium,
Hard-Core-DX mailing list, 0233 UT Oct 4 via DXLD)

** CUBA. 4765, Radio Progreso, La Habana, 0352-0402*, 01-10, Spanish,
news: "Noticiero resumen de Progreso", "Para Radio Progreso",
"Seguidamente, el pronóstico del tiempo para este miércoles",
"Deportes", "Radio Progreso, Cadena Nacional, finalizada su
programación por hoy". Close down. 34433 (Manuel Méndez, logs in Lugo,
Spain, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9965, Oct 2 at 0532, DentroCuban Jamming Command pulses
against nothing, but fine with me since 9955 WRMI is not jammed at the
moment; or rather, since Brother Scare is on at this hour, jamming it
would be no loss.

9965 was years ago a Radio República channel (via Costa Rica?). The
same rate and pitch of jamming, but stronger, is heard at same time on
9565, where Radio Martí is in the afternoons but never now.

[and non]. 6000, Oct 2 at 0541, again no signal from RHC English which
is sometimes on, sometimes off during this hour. Did not stay up to
check whether it revived after 0600. Good for MALI, q.v.

5040, Oct 2 at 0544, RHC English now with big wobble. In AM mode, it
sounds rather like propagational flutter, while it's really frequency-

flutter, very obvious with BFO applied.

9820, Oct 2 at 1241, RHC extra frequency as always much weaker than // 9850, but also markedly undermodulated for what little signal there is; and with musical CCI. HFCC shows CNR1 via Xian is here, and from 1245 so is Delhi in Sinhala.

5040, Oct 3 at 0551, RHC English still with a big wobble on the carrier, audible even without BFO, while the other four of The Cuban Five on 6 MHz band are nominal. Perhaps Arnie hasn't caught up yet with these reports from his most faithful volunteer technical monitor abroad, in order to find out and do something about it before the 5040 transmitter self-destructs.

11840, Oct 3 at 2004, RHC Portuguese is undermodulated and hummy; wiggle that patchcord! While 11760 French has adequate and unhummy modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000, Oct 4 at 0552, RHC English frequency is off again, but so is presumed Mali carrier 5995 tonight.

5040, Oct 4 at 0553, RHC English for the first time in a week, is *not* wobbling, evidently repaired --- for now.

6000, Oct 7 at 0550, RHC English is AWOL again, and so is 5995 Mali, no carrier on either. I suspect ORTM sometimes stays on 9635 day frequency at night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. Radiograms on Radio Marti: see U S A

** CYPRUS TURKISH. BRT Radio Bayrak International off Shortwave

Hi DXers, Radio Bayrak International obviously is not active on v6150 kHz these days. So, I asked them about possible plans regarding this channel. Today I received this answer:

``Dear Harald Kuhl, Thank you for your enquiry about our HF broadcast on 6150 kHz. Unfortunately, the transmission on this frequency has been temporarily suspended. The termination of the service is also being considered, to be decided by the new board of directors next year. Best Regards, Mustafa TOSUN, Gen. Coordinat^r (acting), BRT Corporation``

73 (Harald Kuhl, BDXC-UK Oct 8 via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

** DJIBOUTI. 1431, Radio Sawa. At 1915 UT with up-beat Arabic pop music then clear ID by woman followed by nx read by man. At last after a couple of weeks got an ID of this one. After 1917 UT disappeared

against RaI Uno. At best SI0: 333.

IBB Djibouti Dorale on 1431 kHz, SAWA 325deg 3-mast array, VOA non-dir. location 11 33 59.95 N 43 04 01.73 E
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=11.566917&lon=43.068373&z=18.4&r=0&src=msa>>
(Zeljko Crncic, Germany, Oct 3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 6050, Oct 4 at 0056, poor signal with talk in Spanish(?) and music. Likely HCJB as frequent chex last few weeks have found channel vacant, and we know HCJB went off the air at the same time as the big earthquake August 12. Yes, HCJB ID barely audible at 0059:40 and characteristic automatic and accurate 3+1 timesignal to 0100, last pip prolonged at same pitch as others, into language, Kichwa? So did they fix their old transmitter or get a new one as they were reportedly seeking? Listen for their sign-off circa 0500 with national anthem (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HCJB, Pichincha, 6050 at 0200, Spanish talks about Ecuador. I make a recording, see below:

<https://app.box.com/s/t5g2nfedcvqk1ah1xnu6>

Perseus and vertical, 73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Oct 4, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

6050.00, HCJB, Quito, 0300, Oct 4, Spanish "A través de la Biblia", poor under splatter REE 6055 which should have been on 6125, reactivated, first day noted back on the air (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HCJB 6050 en antena --- HCJB, Pichincha, 0435-0500*, 04-10, programa religioso en español, canciones religiosas y comentarios, identificación: "HCJB, correo electrónico... hcjb.org, y en Facebook, hcjb..." himno y nueva identificación: "HCJB Quito, 690 AM, onda corta 6050 kHz...". Cierre. 23322. De nuevo en el aire luego de varias semanas inactiva por avería de su transmisor (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, Log in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, noticiasdx y via DXLD)

6050, HCJB, Pichincha, 0435-0500*, 04-10, religious program in Spanish, religious songs and comments, identification: "HCJB, correo electrónico... hcjb.org, y en Facebook, hcjb..." anthem, new identification: "HCJB Quito, 690 AM, onda corta 6050 kHz...". Close down. 23322 (Manuel Méndez, logs in Lugo, Spain, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HCJB, Pichincha, 0445-0500*, 05-10, religious program in Spanish with comments and songs, "Gracias por hacernos compañía", anthem, identification "HCJB, escúchenos en FM..., 690 AM y 6050 de la onda

corta", time signals and close down. 24322 (Mendez, ibid.)

6050, HCJB ñ Pichincha, 0907, 10/5/14 in Quechua. OM, indigenous choir w/ string instrument, long talk by same OM. Apparently reactivated, as noted by Glenn Hauser. Good (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig Satellit 800, Sangean 909X, Tecsun PL 660; 40 meters dipole, RF Systems Mk 2, Flexenna, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

6050, Oct 8 at 1115, fair signal in Spanish from HCJB preaching about Apocalipsis (Revelation); I'm up to view the total Lunar eclipse; by 1130, HCJB signal is fading down (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9965, even frequency, Radio Cairo's Arabic service, very modern Arabic pop music at 0100 UT Oct 2nd, S=9+30dB -44dBm here in Stuttgart Germany. Music audio is very clear and clean, despite spoken audio part via microphone line is awful horrendous and overmodulated distorted. Station jingle at 0101:40 UT.

Broadband 9950 to 9980 kHz signal, sometimes spurious signals occurred much wider, visible were 9942 to 9984 kHz on Perseus window browser.

12070.032 kHz, Radio Cairo's Spanish service at 0118 UT on Oct 2nd. S=9+10dB -66dBm, flute and Sahel zone instruments like music heard.

11710.051, much different HUM BUZZ audio distorted audio noted in Cairo's Spanish service here in 0045-0200 UT slot, around 0127 UT. Very low modulated program audio though, noted tonight (Wolfgang B_schel, Oct 2, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

Recording Radio Cairo in Spanish on 11710.0 kHz, distorted at 0118 UT on Oct 4, and \\ 12070.037 kHz latter much distorted.

11710 (but broadband 11700 - 11727 kHz wide range) Tourist program in Spanish starts 0120 UT Oct 4, "La Revista Turistica" program.

9315.047, R Cairo in Spanish, typical excellent Egyptian lady singer of the Nasser era in the 60ties last century, S=9+15dB or -61dBm, strong but little overmodulated. At 0215 UT on Oct 4 (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

12070, Oct 4 at 0052, R. Cairo, Spanish, but in Qur'an, extremely distorted and humwhine altho very good signal level

11710, Oct 4 at 0053, R. Cairo Qur'an // 12070 but weaker, no hum here and less distorted; het from Argentina on hi side again audible after missing a week or so

9315, Oct 4 at 0053, R. Cairo, good signal with flutter but JBM with Qur'an

9965 [not 9955 as in original, typo], Oct 4 at 0054, R. Cairo, Arabic, very good level but undermodulated and whine during music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R Cairo Spanish, 11710.0 distorted at 0118 UT, and 12070.037 latter much distorted. 11710 (but broadband 11700 - 11727 kHz) Tourist program in Spanish starts 0120 UT, "La Revista Touristica" (Wolfgang B. Schel, UT Oct 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9965, Radio Cairo; 2317, 4-Oct; "North American Service of Radio Cairo" into English news; SIO=4+33+! whine QRM--SSB no help (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12070, Oct 5 at 0106, R. Cairo with good signal, but mostly hum with scratches of modulation

11710, Oct 5 at 0106, this R. Cairo signal axually registers stronger on the meter than 12070, but sounds weaker, undermodulated, distorted, with flutter

9315, Oct 5 at 0107, fair signal, undermodulated, distorted R. Cairo Spanish

9965, Oct 5 at 0140, R. Cairo, Arabic, undermodulated, whine on good signal.

13850, Oct 5 at 0531, R. Cairo Arabic to America is merely open carrier/dead air on good level signal.

13850, Oct 6 at 0534, R. Cairo, Arabic to N America, good signal but only a trace of suppressed modulation with buzzes.

9965, Oct 7 at 0239, R. Cairo, Arabic, fair with whine

13850, Oct 7 at 0556, R. Cairo, Arabic, at first OC/DA, but then trace of music and Arabic modulation; wiggle that patchcord! Yet now it is the SSOB! Better signal level than 13630 Australia, 13830 Botswana, 13840 Madagascar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. Radio Amhara is back on shortwave. Observed on Sept. 30 1600-1900 on 6090*GEJ 100 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic. Videos: *co-ch Radio Nigeria Kaduna on 6089.9 and 1700-1800 CRI English

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/radio-amhara-is-back-on-shortwave.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #874 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Oct. 7, 2014,
via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE. 15515, R. Warra Wangelaa, Oct 04
*1500-1511, 25332, Oromo, 1500 sign on with opening music, Opening
announce, Ethiopian pop and talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75,
NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m
Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ITALY [non]

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 17850, Oromo Voice, Oct 04 1601-1618,
35443, Oromo, Talk, Theme music at 1601 and 1606 (Kouji Hashimoto,
JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750,
DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Spaceshuttle coming back: on the 76 and 31 mbs, 3905, 3927
or 3900 in AM, and 9290 or 9270, the weekend of 17-20 October (from a
RS video to gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Pirates: -- Euros: Laser Hot Hits: 6200/AM, 0214-0300+, 4-
Oct; Lotsa thumpity-thump music + David Bowie tune; said "yowzah";
several times + 2 IDs heard; gave co.uk web address. SIO=2+52

6200/AM, 2348-2356+, 4-Oct; Full-length & medley oldies & pop tunes;
ID at 2355. SIO=2+52 (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B +
500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by
my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Laser Hot Hits noted on 6200 kHz from tune in at 0625. Very good
signal strength with some slight fading S9+10db - SIO 544. Also on
usual 4026 kHz with good quality signal but different programming.
73's (John Hoad, Faversham Kent UK, JRC NRD-525 / 10m random wire /
AT-1000 antenna coupler, Sent from my iPad, Oct 5, BDXC-UK yg via
WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

Laser on 6205 from tune in at 0610 UT this morning with a Gary
Drew Sunday show. S9+10db - SIO 544 73's (John Hoad, JRC NRD-525 /10m
random wire /AT-1000 antenna coupler, Sent from my iPad, Monday Oct 6,
ibid.)

I reported this morning Laser Hot Hits using 6205. From tune in this
evening at 2000 UT on 6205 is Magic "All Europe Radio" again a very
good signal, SIO 544. Could this be the same transmitter and site?
73's (John Hoad, Faversham Kent UK, NRD-525 / 10m random wire / AT-
1000 antenna coupler, Sent from my iPad 2025 UT Oct 6, ibid. WORLD OF
RADIO 1742)

It could be... :-) (Stuart Satnipper, ibid.)

Martedì 7 ottobre 2014: Il mistero del segnale su 6205 È stato risolto stasera alle 2150. L'emittente si annuncia con queste testuali parole: "This is MAGIC - All Europe Radio - on shortwave".

Lo stile mi ricorda recenti free radios che in Italia si ricevevano molto bene. Diciamo così. Nessun indirizzo di posta elettronica. Non credo, comunque, che si tratti di Magic AM. Forse, lunedì sera, in una certa fase era co-channel con Laser Hot Hits.

Mercoledì 8 ottobre 2014: Alle 0328 su 6205 MAGIC È ancora accesa, mentre su 6050 È riapparsa HCJB dall'Ecuador. A dire il vero, l'avevo già sentita verso le 01.30 di lunedì 6, ma per prudenza non mi sono azzardato, perché c'era solo musica, anche se di stile molto vicino a quella andina. Aggiungo, tra l'altro, che la ricezione rispetto a prima dell'interruzione, È notevolmente migliorata, perché ora lo S-meter dell'R7 ad esempio va fino ad S4. Evidentemente erano meno di 10 kW in precedenza, magari in riserva, oppure ora ci sono più di 10 kW. (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44 21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) See also ITALY

** GERMANY [and non}. Hi, DLF Aholming on 207 kHz LW has been off since yesterday. Morocco very strong on the channel. 73s, (Remy Friess, Framany/Gerance, 1912 UT Oct 7, BDXC_UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

Thanks Remy, here in southern England I can hear a weak signal from RAS 2 from Iceland on 207 kHz - parallel their web stream, but Morocco is not audible here at the moment (2020 utc). RAS 2 is also in parallel on 189 kHz with a lot of co channel splatter. 73s (Dave Kenny, Caversham Berks, AOR7030, ibid.)

207, DLF, Aholming, Bavaria is out of service since Oct 6th, - for two weeks annual maintenance, mast ropes check etc. --- before they SWITCH OFF DLF/DLR 153, 177 and 207 kHz on Dec 31 forever???? 73 wolfgang B. (Wolfgang B. schel, ibid,)

Aholming 207 kHz off --- temporarily. No, the 207 kHz transmitter at Aholming has not been shut down, if such an assumption already circulates. It has indeed been turned off on Monday and German DXers are tonight enthusiastic about Iceland being audible on the frequency. But this is only due to scheduled antenna maintenance, expected to take two weeks.

Such extensive antenna work had been done on the 177 kHz transmitter in August 2012. However, at Zehlendorf they switched the transmitter back on until the next morning when they were done for the day, i.e. at nightfall at the latest. This time at Aholming they do not bother

and simply leave it off.

Deutschlandradio is rather unlikely to object this practice, they want to get rid of this transmitter anyway and did not consider the current break worth any kind announcement, see below. Trouble is, the current rig has been installed only in 2008, thus the transmission contract is still compulsory:

<http://transradio.de/index.php/de/500kw-lw-aholming>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 7, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

-----Original-Nachricht-----

Betreff: [A-DX] Fwd: AW: Deutschlandfunk auf 207 kHz am
Dienstagmorgen, dem 07.10.
Datum: Tue, 07 Oct 2014 08:45:42 +0200
Von: Herbert Meixner, sterreich
An: liste@a-dx.at

Der Hoererservice funktioniert. Vorherige Ankuendigungen im DLF-
Programm (so wie frueher schon geschehen) sind mir diesmal nicht
aufgefallen. Ist ja auch ein "Auslaufmodell" :-(
Mit Gruss, Herbert

----- Weitergeleitete Nachricht -----

Betreff: AW: Deutschlandfunk auf 207 kHz am Dienstagmorgen, dem 07.10.
Datum: Tue, 7 Oct 2014 05:49:44 +0000
Von: H^rerservice, DRadio <Hoererservice@deutschlandradio.de>
An: 'Herbert Meixner'

Sehr geehrter Herr Meixner, vielen Dank f_r Ihr Interesse an unserem
Sender Deutschlandradio. Der Langwellensender Aholming auf 207 kHz
wurde gestern (06.10.2014) f_r ca. 14 Tage abgeschaltet. Grund ist die
gesetzlich vorgeschriebene Hauptpr_fung des Mastes und der Pardunen.
Die Abschaltungen sind vom Wetter abh%ngig.

Alternative Frequenzen f_r den Empfang unserer Programme k^nnen Sie
unter nachfolgendem Link einsehen:
<http://www.deutschlandradio.de/frequenzen-suchen.212.de.html>

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-----Urspr,ngliche Nachricht-----

Von: Herbert Meixner
Gesendet: Dienstag, 7. Oktober 2014 07:43
An: H^rerservice, DRadio
Betreff: Deutschlandfunk auf 207 kHz am Dienstagmorgen, dem 07.10.

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren, Kein DLF-Signal auf Langwelle 207 kHz.
Wurde die kommende Abschaltung vorweggenommen oder liegt ein
technisches Problem vor? Mit der Bitte um Information und
mit freundlichen Gruessen aus Oesterreich, Herbert Meixner
3160 Traisen (all: A-DX via Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Speaking about 6095: When I recently took out my
radio on an early Saturday afternoon, while lying on a meadow, this
was the only real signal on 49 metres at all. Hardly anything on 41
metres either, the German flea transmitters being there but too weak
for real listening. The first really strong signal (6095 is beaming
away, so the level was only mediocre) was Belarus on 11730, in all its
glory with hum and low program audio. Made me remember the old jokes
about how to define when a horse is dead (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX
LISTENING DIGEST) See also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

** GOA. INDIA, Panaji relay site at 0500 UT, 15210.010, AIR Arabic
sched 0430-0530 UT; 15184.957 Hindi service, S Asian singer 0454 UT
Oct 7, S=8 in Germany, 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GREECE. 9420 & 9935, Oct 4 at 0123, no signals from ERTOpen which
is closed tonight. Not on 7475 or 7450 either: have not heard them on
40m band for some weeks now; maybe will be back in B-14?

9935 // much stronger 9420, Oct 5 at 0132, ERTOpen with pop music; JBA
carrier on 15630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERTOpen off-channel: I am getting ERTOpen in Greek with m/a and w/a on
9418 at 0426z. I am getting it via the Twente SDR at s9+20. 9418,
ERTOpen 0428 Interview in Greek mentioning Hong Kong. via Twente SDR
(Robin VK7RH Harwood, Norwood Tasmania 7250, Oct 5, dxldyg via WORLD
OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9418.0, Oct 5 at 0520, ERTOpen is 2 kHz off-frequency! pop music in English, fair-good signal; no 9935 at this hour, but // 11645 very poor with flutter. Tnx to tip from Robin Harwood in Tasmania via SDRs at 0426, and later confirmed by several other monitors. It may well have been off-9420 but not noticed at my earlier spot check 0132 merely to confirm whether on the air or not; nothing to het, with Iran moved to 9510 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. GREECE/IRAN, 15630 ERT-open from Avlis Greece babbles against co-channel IRIB Arabic service from Kamalabad til 0820 UT. Also ERT-open on 11645 kHz - disturbed by powerhouse RRI Arabic on 11650 kHz, also VERY ODD on 9418.005 kHz - reason - to avoid the regular UTE RTTY station close to 9422 kHz? 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B_schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Undated, probably Oct 5 with another log

Very odd frequency 9418 of ERTOpen on Oct. 5 in Greek:

0900-1000 9418 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu, instead of nominal 9420

0900-1000 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf

0900-1000 15630 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu

1000-1100 9418 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu, instead of nominal 9420

1000-1100 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf

1000-1100 15630 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu, instead of 15650 SoAs

from 1100 9418 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu, instead of nominal 9420

from 1100 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu, instead of 11645 NoAf

from 1100 15650 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg SoAs

Videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/very-odd-frequency-9418-of-ertopen-on.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

Hi everyone, I don't think it has been mentioned here but Greece is off-channel. They are now on 9418 instead of nominal 9420 kHz. Anyone know how long this has been going on and why? 73, (Remy Friess, 1204 UT Oct 5, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

9420, 0358, ERTOpen, Music program. Modulation seems very high verging on distortion. s9+40. Again received via Twente websdr (Robin VK7RH Harwood, Oct 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420.0, Oct 6 at 0531, ERTOpen back on-frequency after jump to 9418.0, 24 hours earlier; talk in Greek (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, and 11645 and 15630 kHz too at 0825 UT. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This morning they are back on 9420 kHz. 73, (RÉmy Friess, 0847 UT Oct 6, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

9420, Oct 7 at 0230, ERTOpen good with flutter, but open carrier/dead air, also on 9335 and still so at 0240, 0545 chex (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GRC empty carrier, no program content, Avlis site at 04-05 UT Oct 7, S=9+15dB 15630.27 and 9420.003; S=9+10dB 9935.004 73 wb dxldyg

15650, Oct 7 at 1402, music on fair signal, presumed ERTOpen; JBA carrier on 9420 at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If you can make out with a German-language video, a related TV report: <http://www.ndr.de/fernsehen/sendungen/zapp/griechischer-Sender-ERT-sendet-weiter,ert100.html>

Posted by: (Kai Ludwig, Oct 7, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GUAM. 15435.013, Some AWR Guam transmissions heard at this time slot in 19 mb. But this KSDA AWR channel suffered audio-wise by annoying metallic scratching/whistle audio, a serious transmitter fault here with a loud high-pitched squealing tone accompanying the audio. Pity, as it was a lovely fair signal but listening was difficult through this noise. English sermon by Indian subcontinent accented prayer, sermon at 2222 UT on Sept 28 (Wolfgang B,schel, Sept 28, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 550, ABC Radio, Tegucigalpa. 1022 October 4, 2014. Still holding up well most days with Mexican-style ranchera vocals, "ABC Radio, la musica campesino..." and singing ABC jingles. On October 5 from 1104: male announcer, "... poder de radio, ABC Radio" into "Cielito Lindo" (the Ay, Yai, Yai, Yai song), then at 1107, "Estamos escuchando ABC Radio... los rancheros en ABC Radio" (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONG KONG. RTHK3 COVERAGE OF HONG KONG PROTESTS

Radio-Television Hong Kong Radio 3 (RTHK3) is a 24 hour English language station that broadcasts a traditional "full service" schedule. In monitoring the station its coverage of the pro-democracy "occupy" demonstrations in the putative city-state appears to be pretty much down the middle giving more or less equal time to those favoring and opposing the movement. This extends to reporting official

government and police pronouncements on various aspects of the protests, as well as the responses to them by both those prominent and participating in the "occupy" movement.

So far, coverage has been contained mostly within regular newscasts and news discussion programs, with regular programming continuing as scheduled. If interested in this more "close-in" perspective on this that does not track that of the official Beijing line, go to:
<http://programme.rthk.hk/channel/radio/index.php?c=radio3>

Live streaming is obtainable through this site, as well as through the Tune-In smartphone app and other audio streaming amalgamating services. The RTHK3 also offers archived audio podcasts of news and other programming, as well as print news and information. There also is a link to the station's complete program schedule. Hong Kong is 8 hours ahead of GMT currently, 12 hours ahead of New York time, 15 hours ahead of Los Angeles time (John Figliozi, [wwwlgonline.com](http://www.wlgonline.com) Oct 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

I tried their website a couple days ago and couldn't reach it; so one might need to be patient in tuning in (Rich Cuff, *ibid.*)

I was able to access it today through my wifi radio. But there were some audio dropouts and problems with package queueing at times. When the latter got bad enough, the radio reset the connection itself and things got back to normal. I suspect that there are more people than usual trying to access this stream (Figliozi, Oct 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ICELAND. See GERMANY: 207 kHz off for maintenance [WORLD OF RADIO 1742]

** INDIA [and non]. 4820, Oct 5 at 1238, SAH of approx. 8 Hz, and a bit of modulation, presumably Kolkata vs Lhasa. Why in the world don't they split the difference? Nothing in Asia currently active on 4815 or 4825! This is but one of several instances of India & China fighting over the same frequencies when they don't have to. Stupid! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR-Shillong, Oct 04 1315-1321, 45333, Hindi, ID at 1315, Music (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. SW transmitter of AIR Jeypore under repair --- The SW frequencies of AIR Jeypore in Odisha, viz. 5040 & 6040 are not heard lately. When I contacted the station, I was told that the transmitter is under repair and they hope to be back on SW in a few days time.

Their schedule is, UT:

5040 kHz 0025-0445, 1130-1741; 6040 kHz 0446-0915.

Meanwhile, their new 1 kW FM transmitter is under test on 103.6 MHz and is to be commissioned soon. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Oct 7, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

** INDIA. 11620, AIR, 1332+ 29/30 Sept., 2/3 Oct. Surprised to find them almost regular again (missing 1 Oct.) // 13710/9690 with news, Asian Games sports results, etc. (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Gyan Vani programme to go off air from today - The Times of India

VISAKHAPATNAM: Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan programmes, which were aired for 10 years by All India Radio and Doordarshan, will now go off air. Both the educational programmes were conducted by Ignou. The Vizag Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan programmes were hosted by the School of Distance Education, Andhra University.

According to sources, the programmes are being withdrawn probably because of the lack of coordination among the ministries involved. It is alleged that central broadcasting ministries are mulling increasing the transmission fare and charges for satellite connectivity. The Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan programmes were conducted by Ignou, which is funded by the ministry of human resources.

The School of Distance Education, AU, director Prof LD Sudhakar Babu, observed "We had aired more than 250 hours of this programme in the last 10 years. It is sad to note that such a useful programme may not be aired anymore." However, sources in AIR said it was Ignou which backed out of the deal (Times of India via Alokesh Gupta, via Jose Jacob, dx_india yg via DXLD)

The list of 37 Gyan Vani FM Stations that has gone off air is available in:

<http://qsl.net/vu2jos/fm/gyanvani.htm>

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI-Palangkaraya, 1338-1352 30 Sept. Heard nicely this morning with English romantic pop, W DJ and "Radio Republik Indonesia-Palangkaraya" ID. 8 Oct. 1400+ Weak but very clear with 2 canned RRI-Palangkaraya IDs between news items (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3325, Oct 5 at 1231, music with soulful sound, 1235 Indonesian talk; poor but a bit stronger than PNG 3385 had been which just cut itself

off; this being RRI Palangkaraya. Today's Enid sunrise is 1230 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.89, V. of Indonesia, Sep 27 1153-1205, 45443, Chinese and Japanese, Music, URL announce at 1158, ID and opening announce at 1158, News, Japanese program from 1158.

9525.89, V. of Indonesia, Oct 03 1250-1304, 44444-43443-45444, Japanese, Indonesian music, ID at 1257 and 1258, Closing announce at 1303.

9525.90, V. of Indonesia, Oct 04 1250-1301, 43443-45444, Japanese, Music, ID and closing announce at 1300 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.9, VOI, 1312-1336, Oct 3. Fairly strong; very readable (only limited by degree of accent); IDs; financial news, "Commentary," "Today in History," "Indonesia Wonder," etc. Audio attached.

Dave Valko (Penn.) has commented to me several times, after listening to my recent recordings, "Its amazing how much audio is lost on VOI coming across the continent. Its almost always below readability here" (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.9, Voice of Indonesia (presumed); 1313-1330+, 5-Oct; "Today in History" to 1324 English program notes. SIO=342+ w/pulse burst QRM (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET & VACUUM [and non]. Glenn - You can go to the Comedy Central App or comedycentral.com to view daily show and colbert report full episodes. Dont let these cable ops decide what you can and cannot watch! With apps and the internet, there are ways to watch your favorite Viacom channels; Spike, Comedy, Nick, MTV, etc.! (Ralph Sorrentino, ptsw yg via DXLD)

[Re 14-40:] Chuck Albertson points out that Comedy Central's 'The Daily Show' and 'The Colbert Report' full shows are available unrestricted online from the website <http://www.cc.com> so never mind my fishing around for getting them indirectly now that Suddenlink has deleted CC and 23 other Viacom channels from its cable systems including Enid's. I was under the impression that they were not online so had not even checked (Glenn Hauser, OK, oct 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm afraid there's more to report about Suddenlink vs Viacom: while I was able to watch the Oct 1 'Colbert Report' on the Comedy Central website, when I tried to do the same with 'The Daily Show', it was blocked with a 1-minute display of a notice from Viacom blaming this blockage on Suddenlink. Apparently only the latest show is/was available this way, so one would need to keep up with them.

However, I think Viacom must have done it themselves on own website (even tho our only way to get it is also via Suddenlink): it's in Viacom's interest to block it there too in order to encourage SL customers to keep pressure on SL to bring back all their channels on cable.

However, at least for now, one could still watch both shows in segment-by-segment portions. Introductory ads on the segments, and thruout the full eps are unavoidable except by muting, but that's understandable. One frequently appearing is Ron Reagan for the Freedom From Religion Foundation which rarely appears on the 'air'. My daring to mention that quickly on WOR did not go over well with WTWW. Such were the limits of my editorial freedom.

BTW, the Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a ribbon-cutting to inaugurate Suddenlink's new office in Enid, Oct 3 at 1900 UT. I wonder if there will be protest demonstrations? The controversy has received front-page local press coverage in the Eagle.

It turned out that the R/C was really at 12:00 noon, 17 UT, not 2:00 pm CDT as in The Eagle! So it was all over when we got there, except for some leftover refreshments and drawing for a TV; the peona I spoke to about Viacom was noncommittal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With certain Firefox add-ons, the commercials disappear, and the segments may play back automatically one after another (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 15680, (Lampertheim) Radio Farda // 15690 (Biblis) 11540 (Iranawila) 1405+ 3 Oct. Fair on '680/'540, poor on '690 with pips at TOH, ID, horn sounder & news headlines. 11540 sked 14-18, 15680 1230-1430, & 15690 12-16. The 19M frequencies rarely show before 1345, but steadily improve after 1410 or so (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. BISHOPS URGE RETHINK OVER LONGWAVE SHUTDOWN
RT... News 2 October 2014
<http://www.rte.ie/news/2014/1002/649442-rte-longwave-radio/>

RT... has been urged to reconsider its decision to shut down its longwave radio service at the end of the month. In a statement,

Ireland's Catholic bishops said the loss of the service would mean fewer people would be able to listen to religious programmes. They expressed concern that people living in rural areas and in Northern Ireland and the UK will be worst affected.

RTÉ said last week that only 2% of listeners to RTÉ radio did so on longwave. However, the bishops said that serving a marginal audience should be a priority for the national public service broadcaster. They called on RTÉ to carry out a survey to determine the actual number of listeners to longwave broadcasts of religious programmes and how prepared those listeners are for a digital switchover (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

But2, that prolongs violation of separation of church & state --- oh, WRTH classifies RTÉ as a 'Statutory Corporation', evading governmental status? But it the only 'national broadcaster' (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

RTÉ ACCUSED OF IGNORING DIASPORA WITH LONGWAVE RADIO AXE

Irish Post 3 October 2014 By James Martin

<http://www.irishpost.co.uk/news/rte-accused-ignoring-diaspora-longwave-radio-axe>

Ireland's state broadcaster is to stop transmitting its 252 longwave service at the end of the month severing what some feel is the only link to home for many elderly Irish in Britain.

From October 27, RTÉ Radio 1 will offer its popular radio channel only across digital formats, on FM and Freesat TV.

For the past decade, the station has run on the 252kHz. Its forerunner was the well-known frequency previously used by Atlantic 252 through the late 1980s and 1990s.

Responding to the news, Liverpool-based Tony Birtill said that longwave plays a big part in elderly people's lives among the Irish community in his area.

If you go around to a lot of houses in Liverpool, they'll have it on permanently to 252, he said. Many such people live alone and RTÉ 1 on long wave is a very important means for them to stay in touch with Ireland, and the outside world generally.

Mr Birtill, who is author of Hidden History: Irish in Liverpool, added that he had spoken to half a dozen people who were concerned about it over the past week alone. RTÉ's feign interest in older Irish people in this country, the 60-year-old added.

His sentiments were echoed by campaigner Enda O'Kane, who worked in

technical information and as an engineer at RT... for four decades since 1961. Dublin-based OíKane accused the state broadcaster of ifocusing on the island of Ireland onlyî and ignoring the Diasporaî.

He said the move would particularly hit the i50s wave of Irish emigrants in Britain, adding: iItís sad for many people who will be discommoded ó the poor, in particular, and those who havenít got broadband or canít afford a satelllite dish. So itís anti-democratic in many ways.î

RT... said that 98 per cent of its Radio 1 listeners would be unaffected by the move and that it will run a campaign to inform remaining longwave listeners how to find the station on DAB and FM.

JP Coakley, RT... Radio Director of Operations, said: iThis move to digital platforms is in line with other public service broadcasters such as the BBC in the UK and VGTRK in Russia, who have announced the closure of their longwave services. This service is a very expensive one for RT... and is unsustainable in terms of the organisationís current financial position.î

Tom McGuire, Head of RT... Radio 1 added: iItís part of our digital switchover. The 252 service only came into operation in 2004 ó before that it was a pop station called Atlantic 252. But over the last 10 years, listenership of RT... on longwave has dropped considerably. We estimate that no more than 2,000 listeners in total avail of our longwave service ó and thatís in Ireland and Britain.

iEarlier this year, due to technical problems, longwave RT... was off air for the whole of a Sunday. We only had seven complaints. With RT... now available on other platforms, including satelllite, and with our FM service having improved dramatically,there is little argument for keeping the longwave service going.î

RT... Radio 1 is available in Britain on satelllite TV service Freesat. It is also available on the RT... Radio Player and mobile apps. Longwave programmes including Sunday morning Mass and Services will continue to be available online (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

It's not at all clear to me why RTE ever lit up Radio 1 on 252 in the first place. Ireland is not a big country, and at least when I was there in 2011, they had excellent nationwide FM coverage for all four of their services everywhere I drove (and I drove pretty extensively!)

RTE had already exited MW pretty early in the game, and there was never any commercial MW in the Irish Republic, so when RTE turned off 567 and 612, that was pretty much lights out for MW in Ireland

altogether. (It also doesn't help that ground conductivity doesn't seem to be very good there - think New England-ish - so it's not as though the Northern Ireland BBC signal is especially useful in most of the Republic, never mind anything from England or the European mainland.)

And RTE isn't especially lavishly funded, especially by the standards of other European state broadcasters. The expense of keeping the 252 transmitter on the air was probably pretty significant to them, so if nobody was listening, it made fiscal sense to turn it off. This is likely even more true in recent years after the Irish financial boom went bust.

I didn't get to go inside the 252 (or 567 or 612) transmitter sites when I was over there, sadly, but I did get to see the Radio Centre studios in Dublin

<http://www.fybush.com/site-20130503/>

and I drove by the three big MW/LW sites

<http://www.fybush.com/sites/2011/site-111028.html>

because how could I not? :)

s (Scott Fybush, NY, Oct 7, WTFDA mwdx gg via DXLD)

** ITALY. Pirate radio ----- Hi Alexander, I'm very happy about your reception report about RADIO TANGO ITALIA

I have homemade / homebrew solid state pll transmitter with 150W / 250W of carrier and the modulation is a AM / DSB and so the power PeP is about 600 / 1000W any time also 1.2 KW PeP, the antenna is a folded dipole (gain 3 dB!) for 48mb in "V" inverted, all homebrew from me! My location is in center of Italy, near Rome (Castelli Romani), in a hill at 300 mt from sea level. I hope that you appreciate my e.qsl in attached file, ciao ciao my friend, Tony (via Alexander Golovihin, Togliatti, Russia, QSL World, RusDX Oct 5 via DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. October 4: NEXUS IRRS relay Radio Warra Wangeelaa ti in Oromo to EaAf 1502 on 15515 Tiganeshti
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TD0VdBjgfd4&feature=youtu.be>

NEXUS IRRS shortwave in English 1810 on 7290 Tiganeshti
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhobEOFDlbg&feature=youtu.be>

October 5: NEXUS IRRS shortwave in English 0929 on 9510 Tiganeshti
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpDIN9jJzgg&feature=youtu.be>

NEXUS IRRS shortwave in English 1103 on 9510 Tiganeshti
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcQeaNLbhjg&feature=youtu.be>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Shiokaze Sea Breeze was back to normal schedule:

1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Mon
1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Chinese Tue
1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Wed <<<, ex Korean
1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	English Thu <<<, ex Japanese
1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Korean Fri
1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Korean Sat
1330-1400	6020	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Sun

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alt. frequencies: 5910/5985/6120/6135/6175

1600-1630	6165	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Mon
1600-1630	6165	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Chinese Tue
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1600-1630	6165	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Sun

1630-1700	6165	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Mon
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1630-1700	6165	YAM	100	kW	/	280	deg	KRE	Japanese Wed <<<, ex Korean
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alt. frequencies: 5910/6020/6075/6090/6135

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/shiokaze-sea-breeze-was-back-to-its.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #874 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Oct. 7, 2014,
via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. October 2: Shiokaze Sea Breeze again in English
to N Korea 1657 on 6165 Ibaragi, Koga, Yamata, Japan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGiGEtPcURI&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Shiokaze Sea Breeze in English on Oct. 2:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/shiokaze-sea-breeze-was-back-to-its.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Shiokaze Sea Breeze back to normal schedule:

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 alt. frequencies: 5910/6020/6075/6090/6135
 (Bulgarian DX blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

6020, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze (via Yamata) 1400+ 25 Sept. & 2 Oct. Altho Ivo Ivanov's info on the HCDX site shows English is no longer sked on Thursdays (replaced with Korean 1330-14 & Japanese 14-1430), English doing just fine the past two weeks; hammered before 1400 by CNR8 in Mongolian, but clear after CNR8 1400* (NK jammer, if on, has been inaudible during the English program). (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Martyrs from Oct. 6, weak signal
 1600-1730 NF 7520 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to KRE in Korean, ex 7530.
 Four videos
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/frequency-change-of-voice-of->

martyrs.html

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11510, Oct 4 at 1406, V. of Kurdistan, good signal with Kurdish music also ululating in this hour; via PRIDNESTROVYE

11510, Oct 7 at 1324, Denge Kurdistan, via PRIDNESTROVYE, good signal but speech rather than music I was expecting during this hour; 1355 in a vocal duet. Thought maybe time shift in area, but timeanddate.com says no DST in Iraq, and Turkey's not off until Oct 26, pseudo-European. No listing there for Islamic State, which could reset the clox however they like on pain of death (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. IRAQ: 'Denge Kurdistan'. Site help request.

From Jamie LaBadia: Hi everybody, I have a question regarding a location I worked at a long time ago. I think it was in 1999 or 2000. It was a station called "Denge Kurdistan", in Northern Iraq. I am trying to remember the exact town it was near because I wanted to bring it up on Google Maps.

Transmitters were two 40/50 kilowatt transmitters on 7 MHz. Actually was in the C.W. portion of 40 meters at the time.

I remember this much; we crossed the border at Duhoc, Iraq, and of course headed south. There was a mountain nearby with an FM site on it called Mount Karac?? Also, there was another site mountain nearby with a bombed out telescope observatory and a radar installation.

I know Denge Kurdistan has a number of shortwave sites, but I can't find one that matches what I remember. The only other thing I can remember was the involvement of some engineers from Turkish Police Radio, and an Iraqi Kurd who lived in Belgium.

Can anyone in the group help locate this former SW TX site? (Ian, Oct 2, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** LAOS [and non]. 6129.989, Laotian language service of Lao National Radio Vientiane in their morning service, some Hertz on lower side flank. But also hit by co-channel 6130.0 station from PBS CNR11 at Lhasa in western China. At 0125 UT on Oct 2nd (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010v, Radio Madagasikara - 0233 UT 9/26/2014 - 5099.62 kHz, with unstable carrier and Madagascar's National Anthem at tune-in with fair signal with minor slop from Brother Stair on 5015 kHz whose

signal vanished suddenly at 0237. "Radio Madagasikara" ID given at 0236 by OM followed by YL talk in unID language. D-KAZ antenna. Reception recorded and posted to YouTube at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_979zLZUgI (Tim Tromp, MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. See SARAWAK [non]

** MALI. 5995, Oct 2 at 0541, open carrier, fair signal, presumed ORTM warming up early (if it's not been on all-night), and no ACI from 6000 CUBA which is off; but I've yet to catch its c. 0600 sign-on, if any (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5995, Radio Mali, Bamako, *0558-0610, 04-10, tuning music, anthem, French, identification, comments, African music. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, logs in Lugo, Spain, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 17630, China Radio Int'l (presumed); 1440, 5-Oct; English commentary; // 11665 via China; need USB to minimize 11660 splash (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

How do you presume it was not CRI via Urumqi, EAST TURKISTAN, as scheduled during this hour in addition to Mali, which is lately heard in French? And Urumqi has a much stronger signal. 11665 is also Urumqi and should have been synchronized (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 610 // 650, Oct 8 at 1201, news sounders, Spanish, 'Panorama Agropecuario' as XEGS Guasave and XETNT Los Mochis, Sinaloas are combined as usual for this program, and synchronized (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. UNIDENTIFIED. Off-frequency Radio Fôrmula: SRS this morning: I had someone noticeably offset on 740 at 1120 UTC. I pinned the frequency down to 739.95 and then caught a couple "Radio Fôrmula" announcements coming from the off-frequency station. I'm guessing either XECAQ [Canc'n] or XEQN [TorreÛn], either of which would be a new one here. Has anyone noted either one of these stations being off-frequency? Thanks, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Oct 4, ABDX via DXLD) More; MEXICO

I have also been hearing SS causing LAH to KRMG (gh, DXLD)

The DU chase continues, but in the meantime it would be nice to solve the 740 Mexican mystery that Glenn Hauser also logged a few days ago and heard again here this morning. 73, (Tim Tromp, Oct 5, IRCA via

DXLD)

Heard again this morning, Kevin, right at my local sunrise, "Grupo Radio Fórmula". Hearing any Spanish is a bit unusual here on 740, let alone one transmitting off-frequency. Whichever station it is, they must have recently drifted off-frequency otherwise I would have noticed it before. This being said, no telling how long before it's noticed and corrected. Looking through recent DX logs, I see that Glenn Hauser also noted an off-frequency Mexican on 740 a few days ago, likely what I'm hearing up here.

My only other Mexican log on 740 is XECW "Radio Variedades", which isn't very common for me. 73, (Tim Tromp, MI, Oct 5, ABDX via DXLD)

Glenn may be close enough to these guys to tell the two possibilities apart by DF. 73 (KAZ, ibid.)

740, Oct 8 at 1203 UT, with KRMG Tulsa nulled still on night pattern, Spanish making low audible heterodyne. Tim Tromp in Michigan has also been getting this on 739.95, at 1120 UT Oct 4, with a Radio Fórmula slogan, of which there are two listed: XECAQ in Canc'n QR, and XEQN in Torreón, Coahuila. KAZ wonder if I could tell which by DF? Afraid not, too much KRMG here, but QR is a lot further than Coahuila which would be more likely, and also better null angle from KRMG. However XECAQ is the strongest 740 Mexican by far per Cant' with 20/20 kW, while XEQN is 10/1 kW. Sunrise in Canc'n was 1140 UT, also making the other more likely here. KRMG's night hours in Oct are 2345-1230 UT (Nov: 2315-1300 UT). Beyond that, no chance for anything else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 810, Oct 5 at 1208, slightly above QRM level, promo or ad exclaiming ``Chihuahua!``. Then ``La Gitana`` and ``Mexicana``. Only Chih station on 810 is XESB in Santa Bárbara, 1 kW daytimer per last year's IRCA Log, as R. Mexicana. Cant' and WRTN say 1 kW fulltime. Cant' locates it in Hidalgo del Parral rather than S.B. Among the 13 XE stations on 810 (14 in Cant'), none include a Gitana slogan. Nor does Google find any. May have been mention of some music or commercial, department store? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 880, Oct 8 at 1204, YL DJ ID as ``La Rancherita``, and she does live ads including Molinos Siglo XX, then government PSA combines federal SEP with Sinaloa mention, so it must be per Cant':
880 XEPNK Planeta + FM 103.5 Los Mochis, Sin. 10,000 2,000
but with a new name. This handy listing by format of Grupo Radio México stations,
<http://www.gradiomex.com/estaciones-por-formato/>
confirms 880 XEPNK is indeed La Rancherita now; apparently moved from their 1450 station, XECU which is now La Zeta. Did this change make it

into the new IRCA Mexican Log? Haven't seen it yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1060.1 --- First noted yesterday, IDed today is XEEP way off channel. Anthem 1100 and ID. WTF Batman? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Expanded:

1060.10, XEEP, Radio Educaci n, M xico DF. 1113 October 4, 2014. First noted today as an unidentified with soft Spanish vocals, female briefly at 1127 and faded shortly thereafter. Serious near co-channel from Radio Veintis is, Cuba.

Then on October 5: no trace of this at 1010 check, but recheck at 1027, on with soft Spanish vocals. Finally at 1100, the Mexican national anthem followed by calls/slogan ID. Could they be using two transmitters, the alleged 20 kW night power which is tuned properly, and this the 100 kW day power that's out of whack now? No audible 6185 kHz shortwave either days to parallel (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Oct 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 1060+, Oct 7 at 0234, XEEP, R. Educaci n slightly hi in frequency, music // 6185. Terry Krueger had it on 1060.1, but not that hi for me, maybe one click on the DX-398 = 1060.04 or so. {Terry hypothesizes that XEEP has two different transmitters, the 20-kW night one on-frequency, the 100-kW day one more off-frequency.} Not much of an audible het, since main competition is perpetually off-frequency KIJN Farwell TX which must be nulled, and it is also on the hi side making a fast SAH; however, in dead air at the moment. See also USA for log of it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1090, XEMCA, La Grande de las Huastecas, P nuco, Veracruz. 1101 October 2, 2014. Man and woman trading off on news items, lots of slogan IDs, ad block from 1116 (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185, Radio Educaci n, M xico D. F., 0406-0425, 01-10, classic music, songs, comments, Spanish, "Estamos cumpliendo, Gobierno de la Naci n", "Radio Educaci n, la emisora cultural de M xico". 24322. (Manuel M endez, logs in Lugo, Spain, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185, XEPPM, Radio Educaci n; 0046-0101+, 5-Oct; Wide variety of music including Indian; "Buena m sica, Radio Educaci n, mil sesenta AM, la radio cultural de M xico". SIO=433+ with 6180 splash (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185, Radio Educaci n, extended program. 0445-0610*, 05-10, Radio Educaci n has been closing his short wave transmission at 0500 UT, a pity because conditions to listen this station are better later, at sunrise here in Spain, but today the program is still in the air at 0600 with good signal, good news if the extended program will be on air all days.

At 0445 program: "La Suprema Corte", identification: "Radio Educaci n, 1060 AM desde la ciudad de M xico, 100.000 watts de potencia, Radio Educaci n, la radio cultural de M xico". At 0500: "Les saludamos cuando comienza un nuevo d a, 5 de octubre, escuchen nuestra m sica en el nuevo d a, sigan en la compa  a de esta emisora mexicana", music. SINPO 24322 at 0445 but 34333 at 0610 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Same in Spanish:

6185, Radio Educaci n, fuera de su horario habitual, 0445-0610*, 05-10, Radio Educaci n finalizaba su programaci n a las 0500 UT, muy temprano debido a que las condiciones de propagaci n aqu  en Espa a son mucho mejores a eso del amanecer y algo m s tarde. Hoy cuando son las 06 contin a en el aire, lo que si se confirma en los pr ximos d as ser a una muy buena noticia para poder sintonizar con garant as a la nica emisora mexicana que queda en la onda corta.

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6185, Oct 5 at 0536, XEPPM with nice classical guitar music, still on past nominal 0500 close, until finally cut off mid-music at 0604*. According to playlist at <http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/domingo-05-de-octubre-de-2014> This was from the album GRECE: HOMMAGE A TSITSANIS (p) 1987, to have been followed at 0603 by ALL THE BEST FROM SCOTLAND, VOL. 2.

Meanwhile, Terry Krueger in FL caught their ``100 kW`` MW outlet off-frequency to 1060.1 at 1100 Oct 5, first noted the day before. Look for a tell-tale het even if you can't get any audio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See above in MW frequency order

6185, 0445-0504*, 06-10, today closing at habitual time. Classic music, anthem and identification: "Radio Educaci n, 1060 AM, 100.000 watts de potencia, Radio Educaci n, la radio cultural mexicana". 24322

(Manuel Méndez, logs in Lugo, Spain, Tecsun PL-880, antenna: Degen 31MS loop active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. In Guadalajara, the analog shutoff originally scheduled for November will not happen until February or March to coincide with the Sedesol TV distribution.

<http://eleconomista.com.mx/estados/2014/10/02/guadalajara-retrasa-apagon-analogico>
(Raymie Humbert, Raymie's Mexico Beat, Oct 3, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

The IFT is still unable to declare an analog shutoff in any area of the country, as the SCT still has not presented any surveys showing that digital signals are reaching 90% of the population in a given area, says IFT president Gabriel Contreras.

"We have received information from the SCT and we have worked with them, but so far we have not received information that confirms that there is an area of the country where 90% of the population can receive digital signals. Since that hasn't happened, we can't declare a shutoff," Contreras noted.

The SCT began in May with its distribution of free digital televisions to the low-resource population in some portions of northern Mexico, such as Nuevo Laredo and Reynosa, with the goal being to ensure that more people can receive digital signals and increase TDT penetration.

Despite that, the SCT still has not proven that it has hit the 90% threshold in these areas. Additionally, Guadalajara's shutoff, originally scheduled for November, was delayed because the distribution of televisions there won't happen until December.

"We wanted to see that the conditions exist for us to be able to turn off the analog signals in the quickest manner possible," Contreras added. For the IFT to declare an analog shutoff it must do so at least four weeks before the proposed shutoff date, when television stations will only broadcast in digital. The federal government only has a limited time to complete the process on a national level.

Translated from Crónica.

<http://www.cronica.com.mx/notas/2014/860719.html>

(Raymie, Oct 6, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. Apparently XHMNU-53/TDT 35, the university public station in Monterrey, took a hit from recent rains in the south of the city and is off the air. The rains caused significant damage to the station's facility and also resulted in the closure of an overpass near the UANL campus. Set pieces and equipment were lost to the flooding.

This video report from Info7 shows the extent of the damage.

http://info7.mx/a/noticia/520449/asi_quedo_el_canal_53_tras_las_lluvias
Channel head Delfos Moyano Gonzalez indicated that the waters reached one meter deep. There is also video of the water breaching XHMNU's front door.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpqoaZ_AVbc

(Raymie Humbert, Oct 7, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

<https://www.facebook.com/raymie.humbert>

** MICRONESIA. 4755.5+, Oct 8 at 1157, PMA The Cross carrier until autocutoff at 1159:32* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO. SHORT [HI]STORY OF RADIO MONTE CARLO,
part I by Christian Ghibaud, France

On 1 July 1943, the Monegasque anthem followed by a brief speech by Maurice Chevalier inaugurate this station "in the service of the new Europe" which is under control of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and starts transmitting experimentally about 242 meters (701 kHz) on 17 July 1943 at 19h from the Sporting d'Hiver in Monte-Carlo.

They used the medium wave 10 kW installed Radio-Mediterranean in Antibes, shut down since the beginning of the war, and is praised by Brusset Radio Monte Carlo. This transmitter then increased to 30 kW. Regular broadcasts started on 1 August 1943 and is broadcast from 19:00 to 21:45, and then the following week, have a lunch session.

The program is initially only musical, based on American jazz. Indeed, the French administrators do their best to delay the on-air controlled by the Germans who have to use them for propaganda news programs, which ultimately annoy Otto Abetz, requiring the position of Charles Morice General manager. Thus, Radio Monte Carlo disseminates information of Propagandastaffel in March 1944.

On 15 August 1944, the Allied bombing Saint Laurent du Var to prepare the landing in Provence, cutting the circuit connecting the studio (in Monaco) and transmitter (in Antibes). Radio Monte Carlo must broadcast its programs directly from the transmitter in Antibes but soon the technical installations are destroyed by retreating German army on 24 August 1944 so the transmissions stopped.

Some programs are broadcast again from 27 September 1944 by Arthur Crovetto and Paul Gilson, with the technical assistance of the American army, but this initiative was stopped three days later by order of the French government. Radio Monte Carlo contains activities experimentally that the 23 June 1945 and officially on 1 July 1945 after governments French and Monegasque confiscated and taken the German and Italian interests in radio, holding France 83.33% of its

capital through the SOFIRA and the Principality 16.67% and a fee on the broadcasting license it holds equal to 7% of sales.

Radio broadcasts on medium wave 205 meters (1466 kHz) with the new transmitter 10 kW transmitter center Fontbonne on the slopes of Mont Agel commissioned on 10 October 1945, quickly followed by two transmitters shortwave 30 kW, spreading over 49.71 meters and 42.05 meters, followed by a new medium wave transmitter 120 kW in 1949.

In the 50s, the station reached 7% market share on the French territory, but his audience is much stronger in the South of France, and especially in the Alpes-Maritimes, with the new transmitter whose power is gradually increased to 200 kilowatts that year and 400 kW in 1957.

In the 60s Radio Monte Carlo had a great audience in North Africa with the War in Algeria. At that time, Radio Monte Carlo, which has a daytime listening area limited to the South East of France, inaugurated in 1965 the first Long Wave transmitter located at 1000 meters above sea a few kilometers from Monaco, exactly at the Col de la Madone with a power of 1200 kW using the frequency of 216 kHz and increased its listening area south of a line Valence - Bordeaux.

The station opened studios in Paris. In mid-60s, Radio Monte Carlo had share programme with the new Andorran station Radio des Vallées which became latter Sud Radio.

In 1964, after leaving Tangier, Trans World Radio decide to install a SW center in the Mediterranean area, Monte Carlo was chosen and quickly transmitter build up in Fontbonne. In early 1965 TWR started to broadcast from Monte Carlo until late 2000 when station closed.

The transmitter in Fontbonne on MW 1466 kHz was used for experimental transmissions in Italian. In 1974, the station launches a new long wave transmitter in Roumoules some 150 km north of Monaco and thus triple its original listening area. It comes into direct competition with RTL, Europe 1 and France Inter.

As Radio Monte Carlo used its new transmitter during the summer of 1974, the original LW transmitter site in Col de la Madone is use to broadcast on MW on 701 kHz with a program to Italy, and always on 1467 kHz with the same programme as on LW.

In 1982, with the new private stations on FM, listening of RMC declined and the station lost a lot of money. As an austerity plan, in the 90s RMC sold its historic building in 16 Boulevard Princesse Charlotte and housed small studio in Quai Antoine 1 .

In 1998, station was sold by the French Government and privatized. In 2001, the station was sold to Alain Weil for the NextRadio TV Group. Audience increase regularly every year and now RMC is the 5th station in France (Sept Oct DSWCI SW News via DXLD) Followed by a longer article on the same subject

** MOROCCO. 9575, R. Medi Un, Sep 29 0713-0731, 45444, French, Talk and Arabic music, ID at 0727 and 0730.

9575, R. Medi Un, Sep 30 0745-0755, 35443-35433, French, Talk, ID at 0746

9575, R. Medi Un, Oct 04 0658-0708, 45444, French and Arabic, ID at 0658 and 0707, News from 0700 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. See GERMANY, 207 kHz off for maintenance [WORLD OF RADIO 1742]

** MYANMAR. Some late evening logs on Oct 2nd, 23-2330 UT

5985.242, Myanmar Radio, Rangoon, Burmese lady singer performance at 2315 UT Oct 2, and chimes of SE Asian Buddhist style world, S=8 or -80dBm signal read out here in southern Germany.

Another Burmese station noted on clear channel in 23-24 UT slot: 6164.995, Probably Thazin Radio at Naypyidaw via northern Pyin Oo Lwin transmitting center site, channel in the clear.

S=9 or -77dBm, played very nice smooth South Sea like music songs, and female Burmese language reader in between around 2345-2355 UT. No co-channel otherwise heard here, neither CNR6 program.

7200.106, and tentatively the odd Myanmar Radio Rangoon station also heard on threshold level here in southern Germany at 2359 UT Oct 2nd. Male Burmese announcer program.

5915, Myanmar Radio non-directional service via southern transmitting center on MW station at Naypyidaw was only heard underneath.

Covered totally by CRI English service co-channel from old Kashgar transmitting center, 2330-24 UT Oct 2. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 7375, UT Sunday Oct 5 at 0103, The Mighty KBC with Uncle Eric introducing hour #2 of 'The Giant Jukebox' just as Keith Perron is doing the same on the totally conflicting 'Song of

India' [see TAIWAN [non]]. (I am running two receivers, DX-398 & PL-880, so I can hear both at same time or at least alternately, as well as further bandscanning.) Eric is fulfilling requests from regular listeners such as Lou Johnson in the USA at 0131 after the Radiogram (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) It seems that he greets Lou every week

** NEWFOUNDLAND. CKZN, Newfoundland, 6160 is indeed still on the air as heard here at 0825 on 4 October (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CANADA, re CKZU & CKZN

** NEW ZEALAND. 9700, Oct 4 at 1254, RNZI with folk music, good signal, in fact better than usual, making me suspect it's on the 35 rather than 325 degree antenna ---- and yes, back on this frequency altho two days earlier it was already on 6170 before 1300. By 1258, 9700 is off and 6170 is ready to go with Bell Bird IS, 1300 cut to news.

RNZI is off-schedule again, or is it a new unpublished schedule changing circa October 1??

11685-11690-11695, Thursday Oct 2 at 0535, DRM noise is here along with good AM signal on 11725, despite DRM not being scheduled to start until 0651:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/listen>

Even stranger, Oct 2 at 1243, RNZI is missing from 9700, but already on 6170 instead, found at 1245 when apparently 'The Morning Report' morphed into 'Dateline Pacific', with its periodic drumming liners, about TB epidemic in PNG [not making news over here unlike ebola].

Someone advised us to check HFCC instead of RNZI itself for more accurate info, but both HFCC and RNZI still claim that 9700 switches to 6170 at 1300 until the end of A-14. Furthermore, 6170 before 1300 is a solid signal as if on the 35 degree antenna while 9700 until 1300 had been on the 325 away from us.

So this is an improvement, but is it just a mistake? Retune at 1259, heard the Bell Bird IS which normally plays at QSY times but didn't hear previous announcement; perhaps in the studio they imagined that the transmitter was really switching at that hour? We'll see if this behaviour repeat 24 hours later.

11685-11690-11695, Oct 3 at 0546, no DRM from RNZI unlike unscheduled noise appearance 24 hours earlier. Then I need to sleep until *1319 wakeup, so no check today whether still on 6170 instead of 9700 before 1300 like yesterday; did anyone notice? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio New Zealand International, heard 0705 UT on 11725 on 10/5 with "Sounds Historical" feature, fair reception here in the UK. All the best (Chris Lewis, England, 0842 UT Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello, Checking RNZI as usual around 0500 UT on 11725 kHz but they were not on till 0510; used to get them with fair reception in Cairo. 73 (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Oct 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tarek - I'm hearing it with an S9 level here in upstate New York at 0553. There is moderate fading and the signal is noisy, but it's there. 73 (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, Eton E1XM, A/D DX Sloper, ibid.)

But now News on air, when checked at 0600 UT on air with news of Syria / Turkey refugees. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

Radio New Zealand International on Oct. 8:

0600-0650 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg to All Pacific

0651-0758 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg to Tonga AM

0759-1058 on 9700 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg to All Pacific, start at 0810

Video at 0600 UT:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/radio-new-zealand-international-on-oct8.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. 540, YNOW, Radio Corporaci n Managua, Nicaragua - 0128 UT 9/26/2014 - 539.86 off-frequency so easy to parallel the Latin American music against Radio Corporaci n's live web-stream when listening to 539.86 in LSB. Battling with on-frequency KMLB Monroe, LA., South D-KAZ antenna, new log & country, reception recorded and posted to YouTube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2j1FB3Id7Q>

(Tim Tromp, MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. 720, Radio Cat lica, Managua. 1020 October 5, 2014. Young female with inspirational reading into peppy Jesus song, ID, excellent (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. Kaduna 2245 UT Oct 2nd, on 6089.855 kHz tiny S=6 in Germany, stronger than co-ch religious Anguilla (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, V. of Nigeria, Sep 29 0701-0713, 35433, French, Talk, Theme music at 0702 and 0710, Modulation is shallow.

15120, V. of Nigeria, Oct 02 0659-0708, 35433, French, ID at 0659, IS from 0700, Opening announce at 0701, Talk, Modulation was riding

tolerably.

15120, V. of Nigeria, Oct 03 0758-0804, 35333, English, IS, ID and opening announce at 0759, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, this morning 06-07 UT English ID of Radio Nigeria adventure experienced audio signal, undermodulated, accompanied by some whistle tone peaks on either side. I count ± 9 peaks left and right sideband, and underneath CRI Beijing English service too. Signal wide broadband on 15111.7 to 15127.3 kHz, at 0620 UT on Oct 5th. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Glenn, Thanks for sending your TCS logging to the Free Radio Weekly last week! Attached is an eQSL for the TCS "Bubblegum Express" program. Thanks for listening! 73s and FIGHT for FREE RADIO! (John Poet, The Crystal Ship /TCS Shortwave Relay Network <http://www.tcsshortwave.com> Oct 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

On Oct 4 received nice e-QSL from John Poet of The Crystal Ship for my last log of it with 'Bubblegum Express': http://www.w4uvh.net/TCS_eQSL_Glenn_Hauser.png illustrated with gummy album covers, for ``Sept 26, 2014, 0030-0110 UTC 6876 kHz AM Glenn Hauser`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 3229, PIRATE (No. Am.), Old Time Radio, 1015, 9/22/14 (3229.725 kHz) male and female voices sounds like a radio drama. SINPO: 15333 (Mike Rhode, OH, NASWA Flashsheet Oct 5 via DXLD) ? then it should be rounded, if necessary, to 3230, or 3230- (gh)

Old Radio Program Station:

9/28, 2000-2250+, 6770/AM; Nice variety of old shows, including Tales of the Texas Rangers, The Six Shooter (James Stewart), Wild Bill Hickock, Avalon Radio Theater with Red Skelton, etc. s7/s9.

9/29, 1244, 6770/AM; Classic radio show about gun runners at the circus. Deep fades from s5 up to peaks at s9.

10/3, 2209, 3229.7/AM; variety show with commercial about cold season for something "Minute Rub" to rub on your chest, nose and back. Continuing with the same comedy/variety show. s5/s7 (Larry Will, Mt Airy MD, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-USB, Oct 4 at 0100, rock music from pirate, 0105:30 slow clear ID as X-L-R-8, more unrecognized music past 0127; fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-USB, Oct 5 at 0104, poor signal with rock music from some pirate, and later. No carrier and unrecognized music made it hard to tune in; I'm mainly listening to PCJ and KBC. This thread says it was on 6924.14, Captain Morgan Shortwave:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,18763.0.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-USB, Oct 7 at 0227, very poor signal with pirate music, unreadable announcement, laser SFX; also pulse QRM not like CODAR. This thread says it was: Generation Wild, new to me:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,18800.0.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. YHWH: Glenn, I doubt it's 10 kw because signals are always poor at best in this neck of the woods, maybe 1 kW? Ed. (Chris Lobdell, MA, Oct CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

Well, that may be because it's coming from western North America with a generally better signal here in mid-America than in Massachusetts beyond. Estimating powers is certainly an imprecise endeavor, but I'm sticking with sounding more like 10 kW than 1 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

YHWH: 7340/AM, 0304-0314+, 4-Oct; Yahweh dude pontificating on animal sacrifices; "No animal sacrifice can possibly save us." (sounds very vegetarian); seemed to start closing with "Thank you for tuning in the Voice of the Yahweh God" at 0310, but kept pontificating. I didn't hang around for the usual creepy "I love you" close. SI0=352+ (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1210, Sunday Oct 5 at 1226 UT, 'Lutheran Hour' is wrapping up with phone 1-855-JOHN316 ---- wow, what a catch that phone number is, and website <http://lutheranhour.org> Probably KGYN Guymon, but straying from their US Country format. So I seek out all US stations carrying LH show via

<http://www.lhm.org/broadcastresult.asp>

and from the huge list, find three on 1210, WILY Centralia IL and WSBI Nashville TN, both at 9 am CT Sundays --- and KGYN Guymon OK but supposedly at 10:30 am! (1530 UT). (BTW, COL for WSBI is really Static TN --- what a great place for a radio station!) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1530, Oct 4 at 0125 UT, Mexican music is dominating from E/W, suspected 5 kW direxional daytimer, KXTD Wagoner (Tulsa market); long song of romantic nature past 0131 UT; 0132 UT

fading but ``Que Buena!`` canned slogan by super-hype voice actor, and promos for programs. So cheating again as way past official October sunset of 2345 UT (November: 2315). Best with KCMN [not typo KCMN as in original report] Colorado nulled, another cheater, and making SAH of about 7 Hz with it; see U S A entry. WCKY? Forget it!

1530, Oct 4 at 0609 UT, Mexican music mainly, no doubt Tulsa daytimer KXTD Wagoner still cheating; not much from KCMN CO this time, but BS on WCKY audible underneath.

1530, Oct 5 at 0125 UT, again Mexican music is dominating, from E/W, 0126 UT ``La Que Buena, en el 15-30 de su radio``, well after sunset so KXTD still cheating. No KCMN audible now either.

1530, Oct 5 at 0544 UT check, for a change, no Mexican music from KXTD cheating, nor classic rock from KCMN cheating; nothing particular in the mix of QRM, not even WCKY at the moment. And what about KLBW New Boston TX, another 1530 daytimer reliably cheating a few weeks ago? (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have heard this on 1530 and will keep monitoring it to see if I can capture who it is. There is a terrible amount of cheating these days on the American AM band. That said, it's how we get DX (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

Not sure what he means by ``this`` as I was reporting nothing in particular on 1530 at that time, for a change (gh, DXLD)

I agree, Kevin, about 1/3 of my new stations were cheaters. A dozen more not heard in years, for example 1000 Albuquerque and 1010 Amarillo. Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, ABDX via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Oct 2 on the road to and from Woodward, I am checking 95.9 which I can't get in Enid due to distance and 95.7 KXLS. 95.9 is supposed to be transferring from KCCU Lawton to KUCO Edmond. By Bouse Junxion, US 281 at US 412, 95.9 is making it at 1730 UT with classical music --- sounds pro, like Classical 24 syndicated --- but annoying IADs once a minute = intermittent audio dropouts for a split second.

It's almost like clockwork, at 10-13 seconds past every minute! Once however, the dropout lasted more like 15 seconds. After 1800 UT into public radio talk shows, Hear & Now, etc. This is still KZCU, a satellite of, as IDed later, KCCU, not of KUCO. So I wonder if the deal is off? KUCO had mentioned to me months ago that KCCU was having such problems getting its feed into Woodward, which was one reason they were willing to dispose of it. KZCU is 6 kW H&V at 100 meters HAAT.

Woodward also benefits from 88.1 KWOU, a satellite of KGOU at OU in Norman, which with 23.5 kW at 224 meters has considerably greater coverage, but little Woodward has two *local* public radio signals, not just translators, while much bigger Enid has *NONE*, not even a translator.

But got to do something about those IADs! A few hours later they were still happening every minute at 10-13 seconds past. Also sometimes with clunking sounds like you get from a webfeed with inadequate buffering. You'd think a minor adjustment could have fixed that long ago. When both were in 'All Things Considered', KWOU was running about one second behind KZCU. On the way back, by the Gloss Mountains west of Orienta & Fairview, KZCU 95.9 was losing out to KXLS 95.7 'Lahoma'; while 88.1 KWOU makes it, barely, to the western edge of Enid (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Heard from Brad Ferguson of KUCO about the 95.9 in Woodward: can't work on fixing the dropouts until transfer from KCCU as KZCU is closed, expected October 16; so there is hope. Woodward will also benefit from more program variety as KUCO is mostly classical, not with NPR, no duplicating All Things Considered et al., with KWOU 88.1 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oct 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Tropo opening Oct 7 brings in some OK TV not that far but not normally visible, all times UT: see also USA for more

1429 on RF 26, KTENNBC as 10-1, KTEN-CW as 10-2, and KTENABC as 10-3. These are Ada OK, 1000 kW

1430 on 48, KOCY-LP, OKC is still in NTSC, barely locking in video, no audio, at 1439, presumably still with minor Spanish network Estrella. 18.2 kW with APP to lower to 13.5 from same coordinates, why? CP for DTV is 15 kW, also same site. No other NTSC DX to be seen on complete VHF/UHF analog bandscan

1442 on RF 17, TBN with 5 channels, despite antenna to SSW, also seen earlier, has to be KDOR Bartlesville from the east, 1000 kW, the only full-power TBN anywhere on 17. Did not copy down all the sub-IDs, but later checked on // RF 15 KTBO OKC:

14-1 KTBO-D1 [so did KDOR run own ID on 17-1?]

14-2 Church [you mean 14-1 is not??]

14-3 JUCE [formerly JCTV], for youth

14-4 Enlace [Spanish, c mo no]

14-5 SOAC [Sound of a Child], for kids, also a newish monicker

BTW, at 1738 UT checking this out I find that only 14-5 has a continuous Mexican-like small white text ID bug in LR:

KTBO-TV / OKLAHOMA CITY OK

Why, for benefit of DXers? Ha!

1447 on RF 12, KXIICBS as 12-1; KXIIMYT as 12-2; KXIIFOX as 12-3. This is really Ardmore OK, site in OK, but long ago hijacked by the Texans to COL Sherman, only 35 kW

Despite RF 17 KDOR, on RF 36, during this opening, could not get KRSU Claremore to decode, due to CCI? among many 'bad' signals, as I wanted to check whether Classic ARTS is still being carried as 35-2; W9WI.com shows only 35-1, as Edu.

{BTW. RF and virtual 13, KETA OKC via Suddenlink cable in Enid is suffering some IADs, just like we get all the time on our antenna --- belying Suddenlink's claim they get all OKC channels by fibre-optic. Looks like DX QRM is degrading their OTA pickup} (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, RSO, 1357-1432+ 23 Sept. Tuesday-only program (5:30-6:30P Omani Time), this week featuring a discussion on "social entrepreneurship", break 1408-1410 for call to prayer, closing program at 1423 with RSO e-mail address for additional info, segued English pop to 1429, RSO news jingle, BOH bells/chimes - "6:30 PM news, your nation's station, Radio Sultanate of Oman, 90.4", headlines & news in depth. Also heard *1405+ with interview of a guy who heads a "laughing group" (slogan: "have a smiley day.."). (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9500, Oct 4 at 0116, RSO with Qur'an poor with flutter, on proper frequency tonight.

9500, Oct 5 at 0125, RSO fair with Qur'an on correct frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU. Monday, Oct 6 2014: New transmissions of World Harvest Radio USA (non) New transmissions of Water of Life Ministries
1400-1430 9930 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg NEAs English Sun via T8WH Angel 5
1430-1500 9930 HBN 100 kW / 318 deg EaAs English Sun via T8WH Angel 3
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgarian DX blog via DXLD)

** PANAMA. A new station heard from Panam., Radio Adventista de Panam. on 1560 at 0512 UT 25/9:
<https://app.box.com/s/soolkwnjwdqr9zbh2v9g>
73, Perseus and vertical (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Hard-Core-DX mailing list, 0233 UT Oct 4 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, Oct 5 at 1229, R. East New Britain, Rabaul, poor signal but can make out talk in American English, preacher? Altho speaking in normal tone of voice so can't be very charismatic; as

expected from Ron Howard's obs, cuts off air abruptly at 1231.0*
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3385, NBC East New Britain at 1203 beginning news in what sounded like English, but then dead air for several minutes, when checked again at 1211 they were back with what sounded like news in Tok Pisin - Poor Oct 8 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810, Radio Logos (presumed); 1020-1040+, 5-Oct; M in Spanish with pop tunes to noticias promo at 1030, then took phone calls. No ID hints. Good copy despite swiper QRM, but need LSB to cut out strong screech QRM (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Radio Chaski, Urubamba, Cusco, 5980 at 0045 UT, Weak Spanish talks by female. 73, Perseus and vertical (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Hard-Core-DX mailing list, 0233 UT Oct 4 via DXLD)

5980, Oct 4 at 0051, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until autocutoff at 0102:28.5* which is 18 seconds later than one trinite ago, averaging 6 seconds later per. Some ACI from 5985, where WRMI, q.v. is now active with BS.

5980, Oct 5 until 0103:34.5* R. Chaski carrier cutoff six seconds later than 24 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 11650, R. Teos via Philippines, Oct 04 1524-1534, 45444, Russian, Music, ID at 1531 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 7430, Radio Romania Int'l; 2245-2256:13*, 4-Oct; English feature on Romanian jazz & pop groups; 2255 close with ID, sked & IS. S20! peaks. Weak Chinese after s/off--nothing listed in Aoki (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is now: 7430, CRI in Chinese at 2200-2257, 500 kW, 255 degrees from Jinhua-Youbu 831 site, per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 9520 // 7335, Oct 5 at 0121, RRI Romanian service playing classical music as usual on UT Sundays, quite a contrast to the pop stuff on KBC, PCJ, and any pirates active. Good signals, but 9520 has

CCI as I previously described (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R Romania International has announced some changes to its programme schedule with the following announcement:

"We have a very important announcement to make: as of October 3rd the English Service of RRI has a new programme schedule. There are several changes in terms of the new broadcast days and durations for some of our old shows, and of new shows launched on this occasion. All these changes will of course be detailed in our new promotional materials, and will be posted online, on our home page at rri.ro, on Facebook and other social media accounts that RRI uses. But here are some of the main changes.

Our traditional music show *The Skylark* will be aired on Tuesdays, instead of Thursdays. On Wednesdays, you will no longer hear *Partners in a Changing World*, which will be included in Thursday's programme. Instead, on Wednesdays we will be airing *Pick of the Week* and *Living Romania*.

Thursday is the day with the most important changes. We will no longer run the *Listeners' Letterbox* on Thursdays, this programme will only be aired over the weekend, namely on Sundays and repeated on Mondays. Instead, we'll have *Partners in a Changing World* aired on Thursdays and two new shows: *Expatriates in Romania*, a series on foreign citizens who live in our country, and *The Latest in Music* with news from the Romanian music scene and lots of music to listen to. Our Jazz shows will be aired on Saturdays and re-run on Sundays, while the duration of the Sunday Studio will be reduced to 20 minutes instead of 40. Every other Sunday, when Sunday Studio is not broadcast, we will have a new show entitled *Panorama*, a selection of the best features we've had in two weeks.

These are just the highlights, we are sure you'll soon get used to these changes and we hope you will find them to be changes for the better." (via Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Oct 8 dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA [ham]. 14208-USB, YP0C, 0555 5 Oct. Op. Mitrut (Y03CZW) chasing DX with his contest station call (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. UNIDentified OTHR signal Oct 5th.
Re: 14201 to 14216 kHz described at
<<http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2014/news1407.pdf>>

Screenshot by DK20M:
Russian OTH radar "Contayner" centered also in July 2014:

14128 kHz with 50 sps and many splatters stretching over 35 kHz.

Russian military traffic. We found Russian military traffic on 24 frequencies on our 14 MHz-band including digital and CW emissions. On our 7 MHz-band they used 22 frequencies including digital and CW emissions. The AT3004D on 7032 kHz located at Smolensk was active longer than 3 weeks. The German PTT filed an official complaint. The Russian OTH radar "Contayner" at Nizhny Novgorod was very busy on our 14 MHz-band and caused a lot of interference.

Nizhny Novgorod OTHR radar site: Es ist das russische OTH Radar "Contayner" mit 15 kHz Breite. Mit Splattern sind es 35 kHz. Das System arbeitet mit 50 sweeps/sec.

location: Nizhny Novgorod. Beschwerde ueber die BNetzA ist in Arbeit.
(73 de Wolf - DK20M, DARC Bandwatch Oct 5, via BC-DX Oct 6 via DXLD)

OTHR Nischni Nowgorod, Gorodez 17 masts, location at
56 41 34.55 N 43 29 10.51 E
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=56.692778&lon=43.486111&z=16&r=0&src=msa>>

17 Masts in 275 degrees.
<<http://mw2.google.com/mw-panoramio/photos/medium/37441960.jpg>>

Einige Fotos in Google Earth Panoramio, altes Atomraketen Gelaende ?
<<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/large/37442256.jpg>>
<<http://maps.yandex.ru/-/CVvbvI5y>>
<<http://maps.yandex.ru/?um=&ll=43.486253%2C56.692931&spn=0.043087%2C0.012539&z=15&l=sat%2Csat>>
<<http://maps.yandex.ru/?text=%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%8F%2C%20%D0%9D%D0%B8%D0%B6%D0%B5%D0%B3%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B4%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B0%D1%8F%20%D0%BE%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B0%D1%81%D1%82%D1%8C%2C%20%D0%93%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B4%D0%B5%D1%86%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B9%D0%BE%D0%BD&sll=43.486253%2C56.692931&sspn=0.043087%2C0.012539&ll=43.486253%2C56.692931&spn=0.057507%2C0.017852&z=15&l=sat%2Cskl%2Csat>>

Am 21. Juli wurde sogar [~]115 kHz Breite registriert, aus Nizhny Novgorod. Das OHR Signal mit den Seitenflanken sogar auf 14198 bis 14220 kHz, Kernsignale 14201-14216 kHz, at 1120z on Oct 5th.

Um 1152z OTHR auf 14262-14278 kHz. In St. Petersburg und Moskau remote Nahbereich nur ganz schwaches Signal, dagegen Nord und Westeuropa durchgehend stark (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 5, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

[and non]. Hi friends, as I know the following countries are using OTHR systems on shortwave:

Argentina, Australia, China, Cyprus (UK and NATO), France, Great Britain, India, Israel, North-Korea, Russia, Turkey, USA. Bearings are often difficult, because the reflections are scattering too much.

Waiting for OTHRs from Monaco and Andorra ;-))

Attached: A Russian burst OTHR hopping on 14 MHz (no intro tone!)
73 from Wolf (wolf via wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

Russian OTHR details. The OHR type is called 29B6 "Container".

The Rx site is in Kovylkino, Mordovia, video from Mordovia
<http://www.vesti.ru/only_video.html?vid=560318>
<<http://tvzvezda.ru/news/forces/content/201312091322-f5bs.htm>>

The transmitting site is in Gorodets near Nizhniy Novgorod
<<http://militaryrussia.ru/blog/topic-768.html>>
<<http://www.radioscanner.ru/forum/topic38764-3.html>>
<<http://www.radioscanner.ru/forum/topic46915.html>>
<<http://vpk.name/library/29b6-konteyner.html>>
<<http://vpk.name/file/img/konteyner-2.jpg>>

This morning at 0900z it is on 18681 kHz. Its a chirp waveform
<http://dx.3sdesign.de/temp/18681-RUS-OTHR-29B6_waveform-140123-0900z.png>
(Jurgen via Tim Bucknall-UK, intruderalert ng, Jan 23, 2014, ibid.)

** RUSSIA. October 6: Adygeyan Radio in Arabic and Turkish 1715 on
7325 Armavir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHsv6GjE1f4&feature=youtu.be>

Adygeyan Radio in Adygeyan 1741 on 7325 Armavir
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_J-3XRwgobQ&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summer A-14 SW schedule of Adygeyan Radio:
1700-1800 on 7325 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Ad/Ar/Tu Mon
1700-1800 on 7325 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Adygeyan Fri
1800-1900 on 7325 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Adygeyan Sun
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/reception-of-adygeyan-radio-on-o>
(Ivo Ivanov, Oct 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 17500, R. Inyabutatu, Oct 04 1619-1633,
35433, Kinyarwanda, Talk, Was saying "Rwanda" frequently (Kouji
Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345,
Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. 11665, Traxx FM (via RTM-Kajang) 1358-1403+ 26 Sept.

Another satellite feed problem (tnx Ron Howard for the info), leaving Wai FM high & dry, but giving us Traxx FM as a substitute; program promo for "Rendezvous", news (Asian Games: Malaysia v. India in the squash finals), "This is Radio Malaysia-Traxx FM" and station promo "24/7 on Traxx FM 97.4" (altho their website doesn't show 97.4 as relaying Traxx); also doing quite well at 1559-1615 same day with Malay band promo for Traxx, 1+1/news at TOH.

11665, Limbang FM (via RTM-Kajang), 1352-1400 29 Sept. Surprised to find clear "Limbang FM" mentions/ID + usual Malay pop this morning-- "klonky" percussion to TOH, 1+1, TC, "berita RTM--Sarawak, Wai FM" until 1403. Big props to Ron Howard for finding out that 11665 will be relaying Limbang FM every Monday at 1315-1400 (9:15-10 PM Malaysian time) and providing a neat audio clip of the 6 Oct. broadcast. 1330-1400 6 Oct. DJ chatting with another guy, "Limbang berita ari" at 1334, Malay pop/romantic songs, possible jingle at 1345 with "[RTM?] Sarawak-Limbang FM", more chat/songs to 1358 and "...Wai FM Kuching", "klonky" percussion bridge to TOH, 1+1, tc, "berita [RTM?] Limbang, (berita RTM?) Wai FM Kuching.." -- has CCI from CRI (Urumqi) in English after 1358 (they fudge the *1400 a little).

11665, Wai FM [non-log] 1200-1400+ 7 Oct. Several checks found Wai off this morning, leaving CRI (Urumqi) in the clear at *1358, also non-[non-log] 1353+ 8 Oct. JBA until past 1400, mixing with CRI -- RTM transmitter problems? (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For many years now Dan Sheedy and I, both here in California, have enjoyed monitoring the Malaysian stations. Last Monday (Sept 29) Dan made the fascinating discovery that Limbang FM programming is being carried via Wai FM. After searching theweb, I found a site confirming his observations. 9:15PM - 10PM MYT Monday (1315-1400 UT - Monday) <http://limbangfm.rtm.gov.my/limbang/index.php/siaran/perkhidmatan-iban/berita-ari-limbang>

11665, Wai FM via RTM, via Kajang, near Kuala Lumpur, 1300-1316, Oct 6; RTM National news in vernacular (// 5964.7 Radio Klasik & 9835 Sarawak FM); after the news not //; Wai FM IDs and pop songs.

11665, Limbang FM via Kajang, 1316-1400, Monday, Oct 6. IDs and jingles for "Limbang FM"; pop songs; 1323-1335 conversation in vernacular; 1335-1400 DJ playing pop songs and acknowledging listeners names; *1357 start of QRM (China?); 1400 Limbang/Wai FM news; mostly fair. Always fun to catch something new from Malaysia, so a big thank you goes out to Dan!

Audio at
<https://app.box.com/s/acoxgs91e4e1eeg2w1ug>

with clearest ID at 0:40 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Limbang is a place/station inside Sarawak per WRTH (gh, ibid.)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC, Sep 29 0747-0803, 35333-35433, Pidgin, Talk, ID at 0755 and 0759 and 0800, IS from 0801, News

9545, SIBC, Oct 05 0638-0718, 35333-33443-34443, Pidgin, Talk, IS and ID at 0701, News, ID at 0710.

9545, SIBC, Oct 05 0729-0807, 44444-43443, Pidgin, Music and talk, ID at 0731, IS and ID at 0801, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listening to SIBC back on 9545 again now at 0749 UT. Usual programming and fair signal. Live M announcer with English talk about program notes and mention of SIBC. (5 Oct.) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus with 153 foot Delta Loop, cumbredx via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

Oct 5, received an email from Dave Valko that SIBC was on 9545, well pass their normal 0500*, but by the time I got to the beach at 1040, they were back on their normal 5020.0. Wish I had heard 9545 earlier. Oct 5, SIBC 5020 open carrier (no audio programming) still on by 1331, as their audio programming ends about 1159*.

On Oct 6, found SIBC open carrier on 5020 as late as 1405 with no audio. Frustrating to hear a decent signal from their transmitter, but no programming to enjoy! (Ron Howard, San Francisco, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9545.0, Oct 7 at 0547, JBA carrier I would not have noticed unless seeking it with BFO, presumably SIBC as Ron Howard has been reporting wide variations in its switchover time to 5020, and also leaving that carrier on past 1200v* (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, Oct 8 at 1157, no signal from SIBC, must have cut off early? I think the carrier was there at first check circa 1113 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOMALIA, R. Hargeisa on 7120 kHz, Times of sign off:
Sep 01 no check
Sep 02 1900*
Sep 03 1901*
Sep 04 1900*

Sep 05 1902*
Sep 06 1902*
Sep 07 1901*
Sep 08 1901*
Sep 09 1900*
Sep 10 1901*
Sep 11 1902*
Sep 12 1903*
Sep 13 1900*
Sep 14 1902*
Sep 15 1902*
Sep 16 1900*
Sep 17 no check
Sep 18 1901*
Sep 19 1902*
Sep 20 1900*
Sep 21 no check
Sep 22 1901*
Sep 23 1900*
Sep 24 1900*
Sep 25 1901*
Sep 26 no check
Sep 27 1901*
Sep 28 1901*
Sep 29 1900*
Sep 30 1900* (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830,
NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 15255, Channel Africa, Oct 02 0600-0611, 25332,
English, Opening announce, Theme music at 0601, News (Kouji Hashimoto,
JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750,
DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15420, Oct 4 at 1421, nothing from BS via
WBCQ on weekly Sabbath service broadcast, so now apparently really
canceled. His almost-nightly 7490 airings continued at least till end
of September altho removed from online schedule weeks ago. Not yet
checked, but I suppose these are off too with BS finally breaking all
ties with WBCQ as of Oct 1; why? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO
1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From Sept. 29 no more broadcasts of Brother Stair via World Harvest
Radio:

0600-0800 on 7365 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg to WeEu via WHRI Angel 2

1000-1200 on 11565 HRI 250 kW / 245 deg to AUS via WHRI Angel 1

1800-2100 on 21600 HRI 250 kW / 085 deg to CeAf via WHRI Angel 1 M-F

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/no-more-broadcasts-of-brother-stair->

via.html

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Oct 6, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

changes of Brother Stair TOM in English via ``YFR`` WRMI Okeechobee:

0100-0400 5985 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI additional 3 hours

0100-0200 15770 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu deleted, now Family Radio Hindi

1000-1100 7570 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm deleted, now Family R Japanese

1100-1200 7570 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm deleted, now Family R Chinese

(DX RE MIX NEWS #874 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Oct. 7, 2014, via DXLD)

7490, Oct 7 at 0230, WBCQ is off, so Brother Scare is definitely gone from that station. Ivo Ivanov reports he's also gone from WHRI. Surely WRMI x 5, WWRB, WTTW and WWCN are sufficiently redundant!

13810, Oct 7 at 1405, Brother Scare fair via GERMANY, as a psychophant is calling in from Dawson City. Aoki shows the 14-16 bihour is via France on weekends, Germany on weekdays, why? I also compare to domestic outlets:

5085, Oct 7 at 1405, WTTW-2 BS is VP still on night frequency, no 9930

9980, Oct 7 at 1405, WWCN-4 BS is running 8 seconds behind 13810 Nauen (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I guess, MBR needs the only lower 100 kW unit at separate Nauen site via former GDR Koepenick antenna on weekends for HCJB Russian and Chechen/Caucasus special on Saturdays 1530-1630 UT. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's the KBC Radio 6095 kHz transmission that occupies this antenna on weekends. This is no new constellation; earlier they used Moosbrunn as weekend cover instead, on 31 metres providing good reception also in Germany, so one could take full advantage of the incredible audio quality of this stuff, with coding artifacts and all the equipment racked in the scary shack getting further amplified by the Optimod. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA & [non], 11580, WRMI/pulse jammer 1350+ 7 Oct. BS getting bedeviled by (presumed) Chinese pulse jammer (v. RFA SOH relay, apparently). Couldn't happen to a more deserving LDPOG (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. It's FINALLY OFFICIAL. The date and time for REE to delete all shortwave broadcasting: October 14 at 2200 UT, just in time for the newly-scheduled 5-hour foreign language rotation overnight, only online.

Oct 3 at 1405, on 21610 & 21640, I hear announcement in Spanish that REE will be ``modernized`` into an internet- via rtve.es and TDT

``broadcaster`` only, starting at midnight Spanish Peninsular Time on October 15.

(TDT = televisi n digital terrestre, the strange terminology in vogue in Spain, to distinguish it from TV via satellite which has been mostly digital for a long time on totally different bands, and which was never dubbed ``televisi n anal gica satelital`` even when it was.)

At 1404 Oct 3, I had been comparing 21610 with 21640 and noting some long-path echo on both of them, but less so on 21610. Last time, only 21640 was exhibiting this. Soon there will be nothing to compare here or on any band (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's official: REE to leave shortwave October 15 --- Following the 0000 English newscast on REE UT October 4, Justin and Alison made the official announcement: REE will leave shortwave at "midnight local Spanish time" on "October 15." Not sure if this means 2200 UT on October 14 or 15; depends on whether you consider exact midnight as the beginning of end of the day.

Announcement in Spanish on the RTVE website:

<http://www.rtve.es/radio/20141003/radio-exterior-espana-suprime-emision-onda-corta/1021661.shtml>

Justin and Alison mentioned that the formal process of selecting a new president for RTVE begins Monday October 6. They still seem to be holding out faint hope that a new president might reverse the decision to close SW, but given the huge deficits RTVE is running, this would appear extremely unlikely.

We first heard rumblings back in 2010 that RTVE was considering closing SW, so REE has been on borrowed time the past four years.

Regarding the website article: Justin and Alison said that originally the picture on the main page linking the article was of the Noblejas transmitter site, but management ordered the web staffers to replace it with a picture of a satellite (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz., from website above:

RADIO EXTERIOR DE ESPA A SUPRIME SU EMISI N EN ONDA CORTA

El pr ximo d a 15 de octubre a partir de las 0 horas, hora peninsular espa ola. La recepci n de Radio Exterior se recibir  a trav s de los sat lites, Internet y la TDT --- rne rtve.es 03.10.2014

Radio Exterior de Espa a suprime su emisi n en Onda Corta el pr ximo d a 15 de octubre. A partir de las 0 horas, hora peninsular espa ola,

la recepción de Radio Exterior, con mejor calidad de sonido y sin cortes, se recibirá a través de los satélites, Internet y la Televisión Digital Terrestre.

En los satélites, para Europa con el Astra 1 M, Posición Orbital: 19,2° Este; Frecuencia 11.626,50 Mhz y polarización vertical.

Para América del Sur con el Hispasat 1E, Posición Orbital: 30° Oeste, Frecuencia 12.052 Mhz y polarización vertical.

Para América del Norte con el Intelsat Galaxy 23, Posición Orbital: 121° Oeste, Frecuencia 4.191,35 Mhz y polarización vertical.

Para Asia y Oceanía con el Asiasat 5, Posición Orbital: 100,5° Este, Frecuencia 4.000 Mhz y polarización horizontal.

Y para África con el Eutelsat 5 Posición Orbital: 5° Oeste, Frecuencia 4.000 Mhz y polarización circular.

Además de la recepción por satélite, con cobertura en todo el mundo, se puede escuchar la emisión en directo de Radio Exterior a través de su página web, <http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio-exterior/>

Nuestra programación seguirá emitiéndose en España a través de la TDT en su multiplex RGE 1.

Por lo tanto Radio Exterior moderniza sus emisiones con mejor calidad de sonido a partir de las cero horas, hora peninsular española, desde el próximo día 15, ofreciendo su programación a través de los satélites, Internet y la TDT (via DXLD)

Gracias a las distintas fuentes (Steve Luce en DXLD, Sudipta Ghose en FB) Esta es la noticia definitiva.

<http://www.rtve.es/radio/20141003/radio-exterior-espana-suprime-emision-onda-corta/1021661.shtml>

(Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, condiglista yg via DXLD)

REE has published in its webpage, announcing the end of SW broadcasts.

<http://www.rtve.es/radio/20141003/radio-exterior-espana-suprime-emision-onda-corta/1021661.shtml>

REE will turn-off signal on October 15, 2014 at 0000 peninsular Spanish hour, which is October 14th, 2200 UT.

(Juan Antonio Arranz Sanz, <http://jaarranzs.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.jaarranzs.com/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lo leí hoy. Si lees el final del artículo hasta lo presentan como un logro. A ver si los trabajadores despedidos opinan lo mismo.
Un abrazo Horacio! (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Observed at 2055 UT on 9660 kHz starting five minutes of interval signal prior to the 2100 Saturday/Sunday only English transmission (weekdays 1900 UT on 9665 kHz). Programming began with their mailbag show, presented by Alison Hughes and Justin Coe. It was obviously recorded several days ago as they stated they didn't know exactly when their shortwave would finish - 1 October, 15 October or when? I tuned in mainly to ascertain if they still used the same interval signal I recorded and put on Interval Signals Online in December 2000 - they do, and no doubt it will die along with their shortwave. Reception was good via a Global Tuners remote receiver in Odenwald, Germany (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online Oct 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

6055, Oct 4 at 0551, Spanish music, poor, must be REE on wrong frequency, as 6125 is missing. Unlike during 00-01 English, either of these later is rather weak here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The remaining few days of REE broadcasts in English can be heard as follows:

0000-0100 Daily on 6055

1900-2000 Mon-Fri on 9665 11615

2100-2200 Sat-Sun on 6055 [sic; should be 9660]

(Dave Kenny, Oct 6, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

REE was received at 0000 UT on 6055 with the marathon listeners club, which is a nice touch; there are many attached to REE via shortwave, will be sad to see them go. All the best (Chris Lewis, England, 0842 UT Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

¿Qué manera de manipular una noticia! Parece que pretendan que la audiencia de REE tenga que alegrarse cuando, realmente, no se le escapa a nadie que se trata del cierre de un medio de comunicación con una gran audiencia alrededor del mundo. Me parece increíble cómo tergiversan la realidad. Parece que haya que alegrarse y en realidad lo que hacen es cerrar Radio Exterior de España con total impunidad. Sólo nos faltaba por ver esto ya. En fin --- Pere Justo, Valencia (España), <http://elblocdeperejusto.blogspot.com.es/> (via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, DXLD)

Europa Occidental entregó todo su poder a los necios y estos nos están cortando todo. Pronto tendremos que volver a aquellos horribles años que la gente buscaba colillas (como la coplilla de mi pueblo: UNOS FUMAN CHESTES, OTROS IDEALES Y LA PERIODISTA COLILLAS DE LOS BARES).

En fin no tenemos remedio y nos pasamos media vida para levantar algo y luego lo destruimos con una facilidad de espanto. Pero una simple reflexión ¿quién dijo que el dinero público no era de nadie? ¿quién nos metió en el agujero de una deuda imparable? ¿quién nos metió diez

millones de personas para no se qu   objetivo? Pues eso: a buen entendedor pocas palabras bastan. Todav  a recuerdo cuando los adl  teres de la BBC iban por las emisoras internacionales presionando para cerrar. Pronto puede que tambi  n cierren ellos porque la verdad no hay "butifarra" para tanto chorizo. CORDIALES SALUDOS / GOOD LUCK / (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, Oct 6, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Above comments are rather idiomatic, so we call upon Google translate:

Western Europe gave all his power to these fools and we are cutting everything. Soon we will have those horrific years that people were looking butts (like the ballad of my people CHESTES SMOKE SOME, OTHER DREAM BUTTS AND BARS OF JOURNALIST).

Anyway we have no choice and we spent half a lifetime to pick something and then destroy it with an ease of terror. But a simple reflection who said that public money was not anyone? Who got us into the hole of an unstoppable debt? Who got us ten million people to not know what purpose? For that: a few wise words suffice. I still remember when the BBC minions were pushing for international broadcasters to close. Soon you can also close them because there is no truth "sausage" for both chorizo. WARM GREETINGS / GOOD LUCK / (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, Oct 6, yg via DXLD noticiasdx)

O well, it tried (gh, DXLD)

Radio Exterior de Espana - announcement to close shortwave from Oct.15 1700-1730 on 15325 NOB 250 kW / 068 deg to EaEu Russian Mon-Fri. Two videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/radio-exterior-de-espana-announcement.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SPAIN. Campaign to prevent the closure of REE (Radio Exterior de Espa  a) [2 Attachments]

Dear friends: Upon termination of transmissions REE (Radio Exterior de Espa  a), scheduled for 15 October from the S500 Club of Valencia (Spain) we started a protest campaign to prevent its closure. We have prepared a standard letter of protest (in Spanish) and a long list of email and postal addresses to send our complaints. A few more places and political, cultural and social actors comes our voice more possibilities there will be for us to stop this absurd decision. So, we ask you to send your requests to as many possible directions. You only had to copy and paste (CCO) by the standard letter in the body of the text and put in the subject:

NO CESSATION OF EMISSIONS FROM RADIO EXTERIOR DE ESPA  A.

Together we can achieve if we unite. Thank you for your cooperation.
(Jlvaro L pez Osuna, Granada (Esp a), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[See dxldyg attachments for original formatting; as text copied below]

Fecha/Date: 6 de octubre de 2014

Nombre y apellidos/Name:

Ciudad/Pa s (City/Country):

Estimado Sr/Sra:

El motivo que me impulsa a dirigirle esta misiva es que he tenido noticias de la inminente desaparici n de las transmisiones de Radio Exterior de Esp a (REE) por las bandas radiales de onda corta. Seg n los comunicados de los altos responsables de la corporaci n de Radio Televisi n Esp ola (RTVE) sus emisiones resultan caras y obsoletas, proponi ndose su sustituci n total por la transmisi n de contenidos v a online. Quisiera oponerme frontalmente a esta decisi n y mostrar mi m s en rgica repulsa ante tan disparata decisi n, ampar ndome en la exposici n y refutaci n de esta absurda argumentaci n. Las razones son las siguientes:

1- REE es la emisora de mayor audiencia del conglomerado de emisoras que componen Radio Nacional de Esp a (RNE) al emitir en cinco idiomas (ingl s, franc s, portugu s,  rabe y ruso) sin contar con sus emisiones en lengua esp ola y en sefard . Su audiencia internacional cubre los cinco continentes y su difusi n solo en Hispanoam rica cuenta con millones de oyentes diarios.

2- El coste de su mantenimiento es  nfimo (1,2 millones  ) en comparaci n con cualquiera de las emisoras de radio del ente p blico (RNE1, Radio Cl sica, RNE3, R dio 4 o Radio5) o de los canales televisivos y tem ticos que componen la corporaci n actual de RTVE. Sin contar con que se piensa cerrar y dismantelar a la mayor brevedad posible la planta transmisora de Noblejas (Toledo), despidiendo con ello al conjunto de la plantilla.

3- El apag n de la onda corta tendr  como efectos inmediatos la desaparici n del 95% de la audiencia de REE, puesto que en grandes zonas del continente americano que habla, piensa y siente en esp ol, no podr n acceder a su se al por el escaso o dif cil acceso a internet existente en estas regiones.

4- En el plano internacional supondr a un duro golpe a los intereses nacionales y a la concepci n exterior de la marca Esp a, referente de los valores culturales, sociales y comerciales que se intentan proyectar al resto del mundo.

5- A día de hoy, las transmisiones radiales en las bandas de HF u onda corta debido a sus excepcionales condiciones de propagación, suponen el único medio posible capaz de interconectar a la audiencia global que demanda información, conocimiento y entretenimiento emanado desde nuestro país. El ejemplo más claro de lo expresado, aplicado a otros países, es la pervivencia de BBC, Radio France Internationale, Deutsche Welle, Voice of Russia, China Radio Internacional o Voice of America.

En consideración a la exposición de motivos que anteriormente se han detallado, pido que se reconsidere y se anule la decisión de retirar las transmisiones de Radio Exterior de España por onda corta del Éter. Sin nada más que añadir y a la espera de su pronta respuesta me despido. Reciba Un Cordial Saludo. [SIGNED]

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Carta de protesta por el cierre de REE.docx

Direcciones carta de protesta REE.docx

(;lvaro L pez Osuna, Granada, DXLD via dxldyg)

Hola, Estas son las  ltimas novedades de blogAER:

Carta a la Defensora del Espectador, Oyente e Internauta de la
Corporaci n RTVE

<http://aer.org.es/archivos/1567>

Publicamos la carta que nuestro socio y coordinador general Pedro Sedano, EA4-0003, ha mandado a la Defensora del Espectador, Oyente e Internauta de la Corporaci n RTVE: Madrid, a 6 de septiembre [octubre!] de 2014

Estimado [sic] se ora, El pasado 20.09.2014, preocupado por los rumores publicados en varios medios que apuntaban la cancelaci n inmediata de las emisiones por [ ]

Un saludo cordial

(Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Muy bien Pedro. Lamentablemente la llamada Defensora del Oyente parece ser bastante torpe. Un poco de l gica y hubiera quedado como Dios. Decir la verdad no es el deporte nacional. Saludos (Vicent Mar , ibid.)

Defensora del Oyente = ombudsperson (gh, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Oct 4 at *0114:11.5 carrier on from SLBC; 0114:46.5 music pr lude starts; 0115:19, mistimesignal ends, sign-on, fair with flutter.

11905, Oct 5 at 0114:15 tune-in, SLBC carrier has presumably just cut on. Altho clock is wrong, its funxioning is usually closely matching from one night to the next. 0114:47 pr lude music starts; 0115:19, 2+1 mistimesignal ends and sign-on in Hindi or Bengali; fair with heavy flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Test broadcasts of Radio Taiwan International to WeEu of new Ampegon transmitter and revolving antennas at Tamsui, Taipei, Taiwan:

1600-1700 on 11665 German - Oct 3-5/10-12 in AM and Oct 17/18 in DRM.

Videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/test-broadcasts-of-radio-taiwan.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #874 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Oct. 7, 2014,
via DXLD)

The two new Tanshui antennas meanwhile appeared in satellite imagery:
<https://www.google.de/maps/@25.1854345,121.4151822,607m/data=!3m1!1e3>

But are they really in use for the current German specials? To me it looks as if the new equipment has been added to the existing one, in such a way that also the new transmitters can use the existing curtains.

At about two thirds of this page are photos of the site from 2007, showing it from as close as one could get:
<http://home.arcor.de/aerbe/bildor/bilder0507.html>

And for reference the announcement of the current 11665 kHz specials. They are kind of a tradition, until last year done from the now dead Tainan site, so not necessarily serve any real equipment testing purposes:

<http://german.rti.org.tw/whatsNew/?recordId=4899>
(Kai Ludwig, Oct 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Kai, Are you sure Tainan is now dead; was operational some months ago. I'm unaware if any allocations in B14 for Tainan.

Yes, imagery for Danshui is fairly recent, showing in 2013 GE imagery. But very recent is the imagery of Huwei, as reported in 'Shortwavesites Yahoo Group' now showing an absence of the curtain arrays.

Interesting about the German Test transmissions from the Danshui site :-) Thanks

Further to Kai's & Ivo's posts. The Ampegon antennas are fixed azimuth (can't be rotated), so for the German language broadcasts, most likely as Kai suggested the transmissions most likely fired from a suitable azimuth older curtain array.

I recall looking earlier in the year at the azimuths of the new antennas. The suitable target areas were Eastern China & Eastern Russia (Ian, ibid.)

TAIWAN re new TEST of Ampegon installation at Tanshui Taipei, of 4 x 300 kW type.

> Interesting about the German Test txions from the Danshui site :-)

> The Ampegon antennas are fixed azimuth (can't be rotated),

according to Ampegon/Thomson prospectus

- the e a s y RIGID HR2/2/0.3 antenna is NOT of revolving type,
but can be slewed +/-30 degr,
leftmost new at Tanshui at least to 325 / 355 / 025 degra, and
rightmost new at Tanshui at least to 335 / 005 / 035 degra.

To bring the new 4 x 300 kW tx units to the still available antennas
of older 4 curtain dipoles, and 2 new non-revolving RIGID HR2/2/0.3
type antennas, all together on an antenna matrix, they need a test
series - some details of the 320 / 325 degree target see below.

But for these new Ampegon hardware unit T E S T series,
the northernmost older curtain antenna at 325 or 310 degrees azimuth
towards Russian, German, French and English audience in Western Russia
and Europe could also be used.

Instead also on test is the leftmost new Ampegon RIGID dipoles antenna
installation, at 325 degr of course, via path across Yulin Shanxi,
Altai, Urumqi, Omsk, Vologda, north of Moscow, Latvia, Koenigsberg
enclave, into central Europe.

I guess to replace the older Tanshui transmitter by 4 new Ampegon ones
too, the new 300 kW Ampegon transmitter units are connected via
antenna switcher also to older dipole curtain HR antennas.

RTI test announcement:

15. September 2014 von 1600 bis 1610 UTC 11665 kHz AM mode

15. September 2014 von 1620 bis 1630 UTC 11665 kHz DRM mode

test transmission:

3 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT

4 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT

5 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT

10 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT

11 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT

12 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT

17 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT DRM mode

18 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT DRM mode

> At the first site near Taipeh four transmitters and two antennas
will be installed, ...

> at the second site ... Pao-Chung Bau Jong ... six transmitters and
ten antennas.

Sixteen easy dipole mast will be replaced - successive - by new 10
non-revolving RIGID HR2/2/0.3 type antennas.

TWN_PAO Pao-Chung, Bau Jong, _new Thomcast Ampegon antennas started of 23Feb2013.

The building site is being cleared on northernmost area:

<<https://goo.gl/maps/5SD0B>>

23 43'38.68"N 120 17'57.70"E

entrance

https://www.google.com/maps?q=23%C2%B043'38.68%22N++120%C2%B017'57.70%22E&hl=de&ie=UTF8?&=23.724832,120.300173&spn=0.000673,0.002583&sll=38.134557,-95.712891&sspn=39.267694,84.638672&t=h&z=19&layer=c&cbll=23.724832,120.300173&panoid=xLsM_ScBqoPBMbIH50ue&tQ&cbp=11,347.73,,0,3.16

from western small access path

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from southeastern side

https://www.google.com/maps?q=23%C2%B043'38.68%22N++120%C2%B017'57.70%22E&hl=de&ie=UTF8?&=23.723479,120.301044&spn=0.005383,0.020664&sll=38.134557,-95.712891&sspn=39.267694,84.638672&t=h&z=16&layer=c&cbll=23.72361,120.301028&panoid=JWtsZSKq0mccI0aIbLR2_g&cbp=12,266.8,,1,-6.76

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<<http://www.ampegon.com/news/?id=11>>

<http://www.ampegon.com/index.php?rex_img_type=large&rex_img_file=300kw_kw_taiwan__diagonal_3.jpg>

Ampegon has been contracted to supply the full turnkey system

Turgi, Switzerland, July 18, 2013. Ampegon has received the third part of an ongoing contract by RTI Radio Taiwan International to upgrade two radio transmission sites in Taiwan. In cooperation with the local partner Techway Engineering Ltd, Ampegon will manufacture, install and commission a total of ten 300 kW DRM shortwave transmitters and twelve rigid dipole broadcast antennas HR2/2/0.3 securing low and efficient maintenance works.

The transmitters are manufactured in Turgi, Switzerland while the antennas are designed in and delivered from Schifferstadt, Germany. At the first site near Taipeh four transmitters and two antennas will be installed, at the second site six transmitters and ten antennas. The new infrastructure is partially on air since May 2013 with two most modern transmitters and antennas and planned to be completed in several steps until autumn 2014.

... Rigid Dipole Antennas.

Shortwave broadcasters with near distant coverage areas can now profit from a space-saving antenna innovation from Ampegon based on our well-proven rigid folded dipole technology. An obvious disadvantage of classical open wire design, i.e. the need of antenna suspension towers with all their guy ropes, is reduced to a single self-supporting central tower. Consequently ground space, material, assembly and maintenance works are minimized to a cost-efficient solution. With robust, easy-to-maintain and highly reliable RF components, the system has a very high availability with extraordinarily long MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure) and very short MTTR (Mean Time To Repair).

The rigid dipole antenna has a remarkably small footprint and allows installation on even smallest estates. There is no need of extensive and complex guy ropes including insulations and foundations. The antenna radiation characteristics are optimized for DRM (all via Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

> fired from a suitable azimuth older curtain array.

on test could be used the new Ampegon rigid, slewed minus 30 degrees at 325 degree real [true]

Or the next older curtains on 325 degrees, and 2nd at 310 degree plus some degrees slewed azimuth ... probably.

Tamsui images not seen before yet:
and here is the Ampegon Rigid antenna visible
<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/large/54898500.jpg>
<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/large/110767267.jpg>
<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/large/80879321.jpg>
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(Wolfgang B. schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New GE imagery of RTI Huwei (transmitter site) reveals that the SW curtain array antennas have now been removed. Land clearing has also commenced on the land adjacent the railway. Imagery processing date: July 12, 2014. RIP Huwei (Ian, SWSites yg, Oct 4 via DXLD)

No, I have no informations about the fate of the Tainan site during the last 12 months. What I know is that in last year it was uncertain until shortly before whether the German service can use the site one more time for its annual series of direct transmissions, again on the traditional 9955 kHz frequency.

Indeed not so anymore this year, this time it's Tanshui (or whatever you call it) on a new frequency. Perhaps something that needs to be pointed out: These transmissions are a tradition, only the site is new. Thus I don't think that this is equipment testing at all. Simply special transmissions with equipment that presumably is already accepted by the customer.

One would assume that they would have stayed with the traditional Tainan arrangement if the site would still be available now, in October 2014. But, again, it's just an assumption (Kai Ludwig, Oct 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. PCJ RADIO IS BACK: On the 4th of October (tomorrow) 1330-1530 "The Song of India" will go on MW 1125 kHz aimed at South India from Puttalam Sri Lanka. We are very interested in reception and program content. E-mail: <pcjqsl@pcjmedia.com>

The broadcast will go to audiences in North America and Europe Saturday October 4th Night (8 to 10 pm Eastern ST) from WRMI Okichobee on 7570 which is UT October 5 from 0000 to 0200. This frequency should get into Europe pretty well and come all the way to South Asia too with a little luck (Victor Goonetilleke, PCJ Frequency Manager, Oct 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7570, UT Sunday Oct 5 at 0100, PCJ International ID by S Asian accent, into ``Tiny Bubbles``. Mowing, I missed the first hour of a special via WRMI preImpting Brother Scare, `Song of India`, which will continue airing weekly at 1330-1530 UT Saturdays on MW 1125 via Sri Lanka. All further announcements by Keith Perron during this hour referred only to 1125. 0103 he introduces hour #2 of a musical journey, with a film song. Turns out the music is hardly limited to Indian songs, but anything-goes for requests.

Being the first show, I didn't hear any axual requests being fulfilled yet by name during this hour. Make them to song @ pcjmedia.com. 0110 playing `Sukiyaki` --- at least that's the tune, but lyrix in English.

0117 outroing a song in Dutch, 0118 a novelty song about Hindustan. 0134 ending a song in Arabic, and before that one in Portuguese; next is a Bollywood song from movie ``The Jewel Thief``. 0157 sign-off by the S Asian does mention 7570.

Bigsig tnx to employing the 315 antenna right toward us, normally wasted on Brother Scare. But I found the modulation during the music not as good as it could be, maybe not enough bitrate on internet feed; a bit mushy at times. Altho this was a one-off, too bad that everyone goes for early Saturday evening: this transmission exactly same hours as weekly KBC Radio on 7375; other options: a pirate on 6925, see North America; WWCR is also musical with `The Talking [sic] Machine Show` at 0100-0130 UT Sunday on 4840. Classical music on Romania 7335 & 9520 (latter with CCI). Not to mention the amusical WORLD OF RADIO at 0130 on KVOH 9975 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

By chance woke up at 0137 UT this morning (5 Oct) and heard last 20 minutes of PCJ's "Song of India" on 7570 via Okeechobee, Florida. Reception a bit noisy with rapid fading, so a difficult copy, though I was only listening on my Sony 7600GR with its telescopic aerial. SIO 252 at best.

Indian songs with announcements by Keith Perron in English. Only at the end of the programme did I hear any music I recognised! WRMI IDs after close then into Brother Stair at 0200 UT (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, Sony 7600GR + telescopic Oct 5, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Just to let you know Song of India will air again on 7570 this coming Saturday at the same time. Not repeat, but new show. 73, (Keith Perron, Oct 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The October 11th Song of India will also air to North America on 7570 from 8 to 10pm (October 12 0000 to 0200 UT). (Keith Perron on PCJ Media and PCJ Radio Facebook page, 7th October via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 9350, Technical tone test signals noted at 0203 UT Oct 4, +3 x 100 Hertz tones visible at 100/200/300 Hertz apart of carrier frequency, probably from Dushanbe Yangi Yul site. S=9 or -78dBm and little later at 0206 UT also 1000 Hertz tone tests. TX cut OFF at 02.07:08 UT on Oct 4 (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 17640, R. Thailand, Sep 30 0537-0548, 35433, English, News, ID at 0543.

9390, R. Thailand, Oct 04 *1230-1235, 35433, English, 1230 sign on

with ID, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. Caros amigos, Seguem os dados da última confirmação recebida:

13745 --- Rádiorádio Tailândia --- Udon Thani. Recebido cartão QSL e boletim de programação. 7 dias. V/S: Ilegal. QTH: 236 Vibhavadi Rangsit Road, Din Daeng, Bangkok 10400, Tailândia

O mais curioso é que este é o segundo QSL para uma mesma escuta da Rádiorádio Tailândia. O primeiro era um QSL da própria estação de Udon Thani (que também serve à Voz da América) e esse é da própria Rádiorádio Tailândia. O segundo fato curioso é que trata-se de uma escuta efetuada em 2012!

A imagem da confirmação estará disponível em breve em meu blog.

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP)

<https://www.youtube.com/regionaldx>

<http://ivandias.wordpress.com>

<http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>

radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 15525, Oct 3 at 1401, V. of Tibet has a fairly good signal via MADAGASCAR, so I keep listening whether it's going to jump 5 kHz: yes, at 1407:05 up to 15530. This is a ploy to fool the ChiCom jammers: get them started on 15525 and hope they stay there after 1407. Except today I can't hear any jamming on either frequency before or after the QSY.

15582, Oct 7 at 1401, considerable het to VOA News in English on 15580, obviously from V. of Tibet, via TAJIKISTAN. Latest Aoki shows it on 15582 at 1230-1235 & 1337-1407. VOA during this hour is S, Tomé. Both are supposedly jammed by the ChiCom, yet none heard now. Jammer on 15580 would have done double-duty (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Additional wrong frequency of Voice of Turkey in German & English:

1730-1825 5960 EMR 500 kW / 150 deg N/ME German, instead of Turkish
1730-1825 11835 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg WeEu German as scheduled in A14

1830-1916 5960 EMR 500 kW / 150 deg N/ME English, instead of Turkish
1830-1925 9785 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg WeEu English as scheduled in A14

from 1916 5960 EMR 500 kW / 150 deg N/ME Turkish as scheduled in A14
// freq 9460 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg WeEu Turkish as scheduled in A14

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/blog-post.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, 0935 UT Oct 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

Undated, so did that happen on Oct 3 only? (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. "Radio 24" returned to Kiev. "Radio 24" back on the air in Kiev. October 1, 2014 the station began broadcasting again in the Ukrainian capital, at a frequency of 94.2 MHz.

Radio station - the best music and facts. No compromise! That such criteria the team of professionals - journalists, reporters and editors of music that create "Radio 24".

Recall that the "Radio 24" is off of ether Kiev in late February 2014 and 1 March at the same frequency the radio came "Vesti FM".

"For us it is very important that our audience has remained loyal to us and waited for our return to the capital - said General Director of" Radio 24 "Roman Andreiko. - I disconnected in our hundred-fold increase in the number of students on the Internet."

"Radio 24" began broadcasting in 2011, and in Kiev - in January 2012. The network of "Radio 24" covers 11 regions in Ukraine. Core target audience radio station - men aged 25-45 years. 24tv.ua (OnAir.ru) (via RusDX Oct 5 via DXLD)

** UKRAINE [non]. 11580, WRMI, FL, Okeechobee, GH World of Radio program in progress as I tuned in to check on the signal quality before R Ukraine started up, R Ukraine English broadcast started after WRMI ID with programme ID "This is Ukrainian Radio" and into "Ukrainian Diary" weekly review and "Ukrainian Dimension" history / culture / society magazine. Items included stories about the October Parliamentary election coming up, the PM of Ukraine's address to the UN in NYC, and Ukraine's continuing issues with the Russian natural gas provider.

Also mention of the Jewish new year of 5775 being celebrated in Ukraine. Although they didn't say so, this is clearly an attempt to counter criticism that the current Ukrainian regime is just Nazism in disguise as the Russian apologists want to say! Interesting. ID as "Radio Ukraine International" at 2345 and into Ukrainian Dimension with talx re a Ukrainian space engineer who played a key role in the Soviet space programme. 3+4+443+, 2302-0000 28/Sept (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Hope this finds you well. It was nice to actually hear Radio Ukraine International on shortwave after 2 or 3 years. Tuned in at 2330 UT on 11580 via WRMI. Signal was excellent, and good audio too.

All the best (Chris Lewis, England, 0842 UT Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Martedì 7 ottobre 2014: Stavo... 'aggiornando' l'impianto d'antenna SW e alle 0914-0915* su 6145 kHz È apparso un test Babcock con intro di varie canzoni e due annunci OM in inglese della seguente casella di posta elettronica per rapporti d'ascolto:
transmissiontest@gmail.com

Salvo ci siano delle "s" del plurale nella prima parte dell'indirizzo questo È ciú che ho *sentito*. Può darsi che quando ne fanno degli altri sia sempre lo stesso, ma non so se mandano qualcosa. Data la ricezione diurna, *presumo* si sia trattato di impianto del Regno Unito e di sicuro non È durato solo un minuto, sono io capitato all'ultimo (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44 21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** U K [non]. 17790, BBC (Al Seela, OMAN) 1349+ 3 Oct. Weak/readable during Sun/Fri-only 13-14 English broadcast with BBC news generic ID & features (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I've noticed WRM I RAN 17790 carrier on well before 1400 (gh)

Cancelled broadcast of BBC in Bengali effective from Oct. 5:

1400-1500 9410 SNG 250 kW / 330 deg Tue/Sun, last broadcast Sept. 30

1400-1500 11730 NAK 250 kW / 305 deg Tue/Sun, last broadcast Sept. 30

1400-1500 15720 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg Tue/Sun, last broadcast Sept. 30

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/cancelled-broadcast-of-bbc-in-bengali.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Unscheduled broadcast of BBC in French was noted on Oct. 6:

0700-0730 on 11800 ASC 250 kW / 027 deg to WeAf, as scheduled in A-14

0700-0730 on 17880 MEY 250 kW / 342 deg to CeAf, as scheduled in A-14

0730-0740 on 17880 MEY 250 kW / 342 deg to CeAf unscheduled broadcast.

Videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/unscheduled-broadcast-of-bbc-in-french.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U K. WORLD SERVICE PRESENTER MARK WHITTAKER HAS DIED SUDDENLY OF CANCER. BBC 2 October 2014

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ariel/29463075>

One of the presenters of World Business Report and Business Matters, he had finished his last shift at the BBC about a month ago, Aug 27.

He was diagnosed with cancer only three weeks before his death on October 1. He leaves behind two children and his wife Jane.

'Mark was a radio genius who not only had brilliant ideas, but relentlessly executed them to perfection,' said Martin Webber, editor of BBC World Service business news in an email to World Service staff.

'We marvelled as he crafted beautiful scripts and then drew on his vast memory of music and sound, to turn a dull topic into a radio delight.

'He regularly quietly re-edited interviews himself when the producer failed to do a perfect job. His interviews connected effortlessly with the people he spoke to wherever they were in the world.

'When Business Matters started with an hour-long format, he thrived doing the extended live interviews that the programme demanded. On location in India and Japan in the past year, he showed us all what could be achieved.

'Most of all, Mark was a great friend who always offered encouragement and help to all members of the team.'

Business reporter Joe Lynam tweeted on Thursday: 'Cancer has taken my friend & fellow BBC broadcaster Mark Whittaker. He taught me to be myself on air.

Whittaker started his career on local newspapers, moving to Radio Lancashire and Radio WM. He was at Radio 1 Newsbeat for many years and was part of the original line-up of Radio 5 live, presenting a weekend show with Liz Kershaw.

He worked on You and Yours for several years, before spending a decade with World Service morning programme World Today.

He had most recently spent two years with the team of World Business Report. A book of remembrance will be opened at the business unit.
(Posted by: Mike Terry, Oct 2, dxldyg via DXLD) obit

** U K [and non]. BBC WORLD SERVICE ANNOUNCE AFRICA PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE WITH SAHARA MEDIA GROUP (Tanzania, HJB)

I am delighted that the BBC and Sahara Media Group will considerably enhance our respective reporting abilities by working together.
Peter Horrocks, BBC World Service Director Ö
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2014/africa-partnership-initiative>
(via Hansjoerg Biener, Oct 6, DXLD)

** U K. BBC radio has now gone to 30 day catch-up, same for television. At the moment BBC local radio and World Service are still on 7 days, 30 day availability for them will be rolled out over the

coming weeks. Interview here with the BBC's Andrew Caspari on this and also his thoughts on making the BBC Radio Archives available to the public.

The Radio Today Programme October 8th 2014

<http://audioboom.com/boos/2543898-the-radio-today-programme-october-8th-2014>
(via Mike Barraclough, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U S A. Experimental station WH2XDE will start testing next week (October 13). Tests will be in digital audio modes which will be announced before each transmission in AM with descriptions of the particular mode and how to demodulate it. Private monitor points have been set up but SWL and Amateur reports are welcome [wh2xde @ gmail.com]. The first few days may involve only carrier and CW ID's however to allow for transmitter/antenna adjustment.

Start Time: 0000 UT (later times may be added if needed due to propagation)

Duration: 2 hours approx.

Frequency: 1750 kHz

Power level: 1 kW (AM carrier); Digital 1-5 kW

Transmitter Location: New York (WH2XDE-1)

Antenna: Loaded vertical (less than 1/4 wave) or a full wave horizontal loop

Transmitter: Armstrong X1000B

(Jerry Whitney, Kestrel Electronic design, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jerry, Tnx for the info. Please keep me informed about further developments. I assume reports may be sent to this e-mail address? Is there a postal address? Is there a website for more info? 73, (Glenn Hauser, to Jerry via DXLD)

Glenn, Thanks for your interest. Yes, reports can be sent to this email address. The postal address is: Jerry Whitney, WH2XDE, 2083 Stirnie Rd., Victor NY 14564.

I will mail (USPS) out a QSL card to anyone who requests one (no SASE needed). The QSL shows a picture of the rather large 1 wavelength horizontal loop and ATU. No website, I can email site pictures etc. to anyone who is interested however.

The digital voice modes currently are a work in progress. Very disappointing! Static crashes, selective fading and the transmitter requirements are frustrating. (10db of headroom is needed on the transmitter for peak power output; a 500 watt transmitter needs 5 kW peak to properly modulate!) The solution may be in the receiver. The primary digital mode will likely be DRM with the new low latency compression scheme. I will operate some of the ham modes (FreeDV)

also.

If there is enough response from listening stations I will probably setup a website with transmission schedules, pictures etc. I'll keep you updated. Try Wednesday 10/15 at 0000 UT and beyond. It should be fully operational then.

I forgot to ask you if you had any thoughts on the frequency of operation. The plan was to use 1750 kHz but the license allows 1720-1800. The band segment in this part of the US is quiet with only a few very weak 9 kHz spaced stations from Europe when propagation is exceptional. Thanks 73 (Jerry Whitney, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jerry, I checked the 1711-1800 range a few times last night, and hear nothing but some weak carriers, maybe out of local devices. 1750 itself seems quite clear. Are you referring to AM broadcasters from Europe? Must be pirates, but most of them are below 1700, as licensed broadcasting there still stops at 1602, and I would not expect them to stick to 9-kHz spacing.

What kind of programming will there be? What is your ultimate objective after these tests? (Glenn to Jerry, via DXLD)

** U S A. 13557, Stone Mountain GA, "MTI" hifer beacon; 1750, 3-Oct; also hear widely spaced "I"'s, 4-10 seconds apart. 1543, 4-Oct; 1239, 5-Oct; no I's this time (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13564-CW, Oct 3 at 1413, GNK Hifer beacon is JBA with continuous IDs. You'd never know this signal existed without BFO and careful tuning aside the Part 15 ISM mush infesting 13560 (is this propagating from somewhere, or just groundwave from somethings local around here?)

Tuning on the lo side, find only circa 13557 possibly another Hifer with a more difficult ``ID`` of two beeps, pause, two beeps, etc. So is that the letter I or the letter E, twice? Cannot tell with nothing to compare to determine wpm rate. Or are they just dits? No help at the LWCA list

<http://www.lwca.org/sitepage/part15/index.htm>

and the much more extensive Knightsqrss Clipboard has only one Hifer on 13 MHz, MTI on 13557.54. Default listing is in reverse chrono order but can be resorted by frequency,

http://www.on5ex.be/clipboard_view_unreg_freq.php

mostly in Hz, but some in kHz, some in MHz putting them out of order.

Searching

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php?board=9.0>
on EE or I is of course totally unproductive; searching on kHz 13556,
13557 is not either, altho there were some reports last year of
``ditters`` on 13558, but not described exactly as what I was hearing
today. Could even be some RF ID idling??

We do come up with a significant datum from Chris Smolinski: ``13 MHz
Part 15 allocation: 13.553-13.567 MHz shall not exceed 15,848
microvolts/meter at 30 meters`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** U S A. 25000/AM, WWV, Fort Collins CO time station; 2235, 3-Oct
(Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated
double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my
receiver, in real time! WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

25000 5/10 1640 WWV, Ft. Collins (Colorado, USA). TS, "At the
tone...", voce maschile. Ins/suff. RX Perseus, antenna loop attiva
Wellbrook ALA-1530. Orari UTC. Ciao! (Fabrizio (Forlì) [Italy],
Magrone, bclnews.it yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD) So still active

[and non]. Domenica 5 ottobre 2014 (PL-660): Purtroppo certe volte non
mi segno gli orari. Demenza precoce? Comunque, mi sembra verso le
08.30-09.00 UTC, per gli 'estimatori', su 10 MHz si ascoltava di nuovo
Associazione Amici di Italcable, mescolata a WWV. Poi, su 25 MHz, È
pure tornata a farsi sentire MIKES da Espoo (Finlandia).

A parte WWV, d'estate, spazzolando ho provato varie volte le altre due
e non erano ricevibili, ma non so dire se era diversa propagazione o
inattività (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44
21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 25990/FM, KLDE, El Dorado TX studio relay; 1649, 3-Oct;
Classic rock in very good // 25910; both dropped out suddenly at 1650.
2225-2234+, 3-Oct; same pair in vgood but scratchy; with pop oldies;
ID as "104.9 KLDE El Dorado & 105.3 K287AT San Angelo" (Harold Frodge,
Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev
+ 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time!
WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

25910, KLDE ñ Eldorado, Texas, 1915-2006, Oct 4. program of lively
Latin vocals with ads in English noted plus i104.9 FMî ID noted at
1932. Mix of Spanish and English announcements. Nice English ID at
2001: iKLDE Ö 104.9 FM Ö Eldorado ñ San Angeloî. Fair to good. While I
was able to copy the station in FM Mode, reception was actually quite
good in regular AM mode. Usually station operating in this region are
in FM mode with very deep fades (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA 19610,
Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper,

RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via
WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

25910, KLDE Oldies Radio, on 2036, on 4 Oct. A station ID was given out in English at 2036. This was followed by a Latin style song with a male singer. At 2039 a song with a long instrumental start came on with a male singer in Spanish. The song ended at 2043 with a new song being played. This type of programming continued until 2100 when another station ID was given as 105.3 MHz station KLDE broadcasting from San Angelo. At 2110 there was a political ad for the County Treasurer for the Nov 4th election. Fair. (Thanks to Rich D. for the tip on this station being on the air.) (John Cooper, Lebanon, PA, Winradio-G33DDC, Com Radio CR-1A, RF Space-SDR-IQ, Sangean ATS-909X w/ Clear Mod, Grundig Satellit 750, Wellbrook ALA 1530+, Super Sloper Tuned All Band Antenna, PARS- SWL End Fed, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 13830, Oct 2 at 0537, VOA French is back here, via BOTSWANA, having been AWOL 24 hours earlier, so again a companion to NHK French via Madagascar on 13840 and tonight somewhat stronger than it; while 13850 Egypt is but a JBA carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7405, Oct 4 at 0559, happened across Radiogram beeping now via R. Martí, as per 0600 ID, into news about some imprisoned dissident going on a hunger strike. Kim Elliott had notified:

``Hello friends, Starting tonight, Radio Martí will transmit a minute of MFSK16 centered on 2500 Hz, daily, according to the following schedule:

0558:40 UTC	1180	6030	7405 kHz
0758:40 UTC	1180	5980	6030 kHz
0858:40 UTC	1180	5980	6030 kHz

Each transmission is 57 seconds.``

As usual at this hour on this frequency, RM is atop the wall-of noise jamming here; but not necessarily at the other airings, other frequencies such as 6030. This should have been a good test of the robustness of MFSK16 right up against a jammed service. I wonder what the `gram said? Hope it was something counter-revolutionary. Strangely, Arnie has not made a big deal of Radiograms as another way to enjoy our wonderful hobby ñ radio. Roger in Germany monitored it, but his linx are neither hot nor copiable in the DXLD yg posting (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6030, R Martí via Greenville NC with Spanish programming, and continuation of the MFSK-16 tests -- both of which decoded flawlessly despite jamming. Same message sent as before in Spanish and English

with request for reports (which I sent). Only fair to poor-to-fair reception of the audio because of the jamming, but heard both at 0757-0801 and 0857-0901 30/Sept --Zichi MI

7405, R Marti via Greenville NC with Spanish news, and OM talx re things like Monday Night football, the major league baseball playoffs, and the like. A brief MFSK-16 text message was sent at 0558 as follows:

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Before RSID: <<2014-09-30T05:58Z MFSK-16 @ 2504>>
<STX>
Esta es una transmisi n de texto digital de Radio Marti.
Por favor env e informes de recepci n a texto@martinoticias.com.
This is a digital text transmission from Radio Marti.
Please send reception reports to texto@martinoticias.com.
<EOT>
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and then ID and into News at ToH. 5454+4 although the jamming was quite evident, it did not stop me from being to understand the programme as well as my limited Spanish will allow anyway! :) 0530-0602 30/Sept (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

Hello friends, Starting tonight, Radio Marti will transmit a minute of MFSK16 centered on 2500 Hz, daily, according to the following schedule:

0558:40 UTC	1180	6030	7405 kHz
0758:40 UTC	1180	5980	6030 kHz
0858:40 UTC	1180	5980	6030 kHz

Each transmission is 57 seconds.

The 1180 kHz is medium wave, from the Florida Keys. The shortwave frequencies (5980, 6030, and 7405 kHz) are all via North Carolina. You will probably hear noise on the frequency. Recordings of your reception would be appreciated. The email address for reception reports is included in the text transmission, but if you are not able to decode it, just send the report to radiogram@voanews.com (Kim Elliott, Sept 29 to and via Roger, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

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Before RSID: <<2014-10-04T05:59Z MFSK-16 @ 7405000+2500>>
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<STX>
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Esta es una transmisi n de texto digital de Radio Marti.
Por favor env e informes de recepci n a texto@martinoticias.com.
This is a digital text transmission from Radio Marti.
Please send reception reports to texto@martinoticias.com.
<EOT>
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http://www.rhci-online.de/files/2014-10-04_6030_kHz_Radio_Marti_-_FLDIGI.gif
http://www.rhci-online.de/files/2014-10-04_6030_kHz_Radio_Marti_-_STUDIO01.gif

7405, FRG-100/HDSDR/40mB-Dipol Audio Radio Marti: 0=3+ 43343
6030, IC-R75/STUDIO01/Boomerang-Antenna Audio Radio Marti: 0=2-3 42342
roger

Am 03.10.2014 11:08, schrieb VOA Radiogram:

Thanks to everyone who sent reception reports for last weekend's VOA Radiogram and for the Radio Marti tests. I'm not sure if Radio Marti sends its own QSL cards; if not, I'll send an eQSL. Kim

It was once again very impressive, despite some very weak signals, to obtain a direct receive confirmation via the air waves. The MFSK16 signals for Cuba were also decodable here in Central Germany - and this at 10:00 local time in the 49m Band fascinating. However, I fear that it is only a further series of tests without subsequent content and benefits. (as in the case with RFA) That makes me more sad than to receive no QSL card.

Here is the digi-triple of Radio Marti, KBC and VoA:

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-10-04.htm

(roger, Oct 4, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1741 monitoring: no show for the second week, UT Friday 0330v on WWRB, 3185. This time Dave comes on at 0329 and apologizes, saying their internet connexion is down and he can't get WOR. It comes via a point-to-point microwave relay about 15 miles from the station, and it's offline, probably due to storms. I've previously suggested that he try downloading it as much as 24 hours earlier when first available instead of trying to play it 'live' at airtime.

WOR on WRMI times: Friday 2130.5 on 7570 & 15770 (but probably 1740 again); Sunday 2300 on 11580 (new time but old show?); etc. On HLR, 7265-CUSB: Saturday 0630 & 1430. On KVOH 9975: UT Sunday 0131. On Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB: UT Monday 0259v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1739 monitoring: yes, #1739 from two weeks ago, confirmed on WRMI 7570 & 15770, Friday Oct 3 at 2130.5. Let us hope for #1741 by next scheduled airing, Sunday 2300 on 11580.

Jeff White tells us that now we can upload the latest shows to the extra frequencies' servers as well as to main 9955, so no more delays. Otherwise: UT Sun 0131 on KVOH 9975; UT Mon 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5109v-CUSB; Sat 0630 & 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1741 monitoring: confirmed on KVOH, 9975, UT Sunday Oct 5 from 0131:04. Initially good signal but fading down somewhat by 0138. Carrier was on by 0123, music from 0125, sign-on from 0130. Next: Sunday 2300 on WRMI 11580; UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Heard World of Radio with excellent signal into Montreal at 2300 today [Sunday Oct 5, 11580]. Nice to hear your great program. It also made me realise that Ukraine is on WRMI at 2330 UT; really nice to hear them back on shortwave. 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, OfficialSWLchannel Oct 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1741 monitoring: confirmed at 2300 UT Sunday Oct 5 on WRMI, 11580, new time, and also the latest edition from now on. Also confirmed at 0300 UT Monday Oct 6 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB. (Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955 not checked, but presumed). Next: Wednesday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI, 9955
Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ, 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1741 monitoring: confirmed the Wednesday 1315 airing on WRMI 9955, checked Oct 8 at 1340, after a post-Eclipse nap, with lite pulse jamming, tnx a lot, Arnie! Also confirmed on webcast of 7490 WBCQ after 2100 Wednesday; and on WRMI 9955, at 0350 UT Thursday Oct 9, fair signal; 1742 not quite finished yet.

WORLD OF RADIO 1742 monitoring: first SW broadcast at 1230 Thursday Oct 9 confirmed at 1256 check, atop RFI CCI from Taiwan, no jamming audible. Next:
UT Friday 0326v on WWRB 3185 (we hope: missed last two weeks due to internet outages; and not on long-gone 3195 as still listed by ODXA)
Friday 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770 (no longer repeating previous ones)
Saturday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
UT Sunday 0131 on KVOH 9975
{Sunday 1000 on WRMI 5850 --- NEW!}
Sunday 2300 on WRMI 11580
UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7265, 8/10 1435, Hamburger Lokal R., Bremen Px "WOR 1741", E, 23422
I have attached an audio clip MP3 of WOR 1741 via HLR 7265 kHz
73 from (N. Marabello, QTH Treviso, Italy, RX: SONY ICF SW7600G
Ant.: VHF outdoor aerial, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7570, Family R. via RMI, Oct 02 *1000-1010, 35333, Japanese, IS from 1000, Chorus muisc, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11580 & 11825, Oct 3 at 0547, WRMI with Brother Scare, but strangely, 11580 has a much stronger signal than 11825. This does not make sense here northwest of Okeechobee, as 11825 is supposed to be on 315 degree antenna right at us, while 11580 is 90 degrees off, at 44 degrees toward Europe, and normally 11825 is much, much stronger. So is WRMI switching antennas around, varying power levels, or what? This has happened before. Seems unlikely there should be a sharp MUF cutoff between them, only 245 kHz apart (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: We have no explanation for this. Everything was operating normally on both transmitters and antennas. A fluke of shortwave (Jeff White, WRMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17790, Oct 3 at 2005, RAN via WRMI is undermodulated and hummy, similar to RHC on 11840 Portuguese. It seems the RAN transmitter, #7, also used on 15190, is never loud and clear.

9955, Friday Oct 3 at 2218 check, confirmed PCJ Radio International at recent new time via WRMI, as Keith is about to interview someone from ABC in Australia, which I have heard before. Presumably monthly hour-long edition of 'Media Network Plus'; fair signal, no jamming heard now.

Under new schedule, 5950 with F.mily Radio still in Spanish at 0058, poor signal, but off after 0100 instead of continuing another hour with RMI programming including WORLD OF RADIO at 0100 Sundays.

FR however has a new broadcast in Hindi toward Europe on 15770 at 0100, which is also poorly audible here at 0104 check Oct 4.

5985, surprisingly, a new frequency for Brother Scare, Oct 4 at 0103, as I am noticing ACI to my Chaski-check on 5980. 5985 is synchro with all the other WRMI frequencies so no doubt about source: 5015, 7570, 7730, 11580, 11825. A new frequency schedule has been posted dated Oct 1, accounting for the new FR relays in Hindi, Japanese and Chinese, but does NOT show 5985 on air at this hour, only 0400-0500 as before ñ -- oops, it did not when I starting compiling this report, but meanwhile after an inquiry to Jeff, he has just added 01-04 BS on 5985. It's 222 degrees, only fair here but better than 5015 at 44. He then confirms he's updated it.

Also a reminder of the 'Song of India' special from PCJ Radio via

WRMI, UT Sunday October 5 at 0000-0200 on 7570 at 315 degrees across N America, preëmpting Brother Scare for a bihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5015.0, 0045- USA 24.7 R WWRB via WRMI [sic], Okeechobee English 34232 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Sept Oct DSWCI SW News via DXLD)

?!?! There is no such thing as ``WWRB via WRMI``. But this was no doubt Brother Scare which is carried on both stations i.a. (gh, DXLD)

11580, WRMI Radio Miami Int'l (presumed); 1310, 5-Oct; Bro. Hystairical reading a letter, "You are a disturbed human being." SIO=433 over English huxter + huxterette. No other English huxterage listed in Aoki, so maybe WRMI studio bleed (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7490.3, WBCQ Monticello ME; 0015-0030, 4-Oct; DX/radio program ['AWWW']; Pirates get a special air time rate on WBCQ (didn't say what it is); listen for test activity on 510 kHz (didn't specify what kind of testing except that it would involve different antennas. S20 peaks (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9329.986, but noted signal also in range 9328.7 to 9336.4 kHz upper sideband signal, WBCQ The Planet, Monticello, sermon prayer monitored at 0158-0200 UT on Oct 4. Mentioned expanded program Mon-Thurs popular program 8-9 pm ET. S=8 or -79dBm here in Germany. Jack Armstrong show talk, and Thomas Jackson (Wolfgang B.schel, Oct 2/4, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6 via DXLD)

7490v // 9330v-CUSB, UT Sat Oct 4 at 0119, WBCQs with `Allan Weiner Worldwide` synchronized, and 28 seconds later on 5110v-CUSB, why? All of these are always slightly off-frequency but not measured. Nothing audible on 15420v-CUSB. AW is mentioning that Area 51 always has special programming for Hallowe`en (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15420, WBCQ, Monticello ME; 1655-1702+, 4-Oct; Tune in to repeated, "You are listening to WBCQ Monticello, Maine, the United States of America, the Planet"; 1700 "This is the Words of the Spirit broadcast" into the sing-song huxtress -- apparently no longer using "Aggressive Christianity". (Is ISIS Aggressive Islam?) SIO=3+54 (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490v, 5110v & 9330v, Oct 7 at 0230, NO signals from WBCQ, in prime time! With departure of Brother Scare (and it was Allan Weiner himself who started calling him that years ago, in a slip? on the air).

WBCQ online schedules now show 7490 *off the air* 0000-0300 UT Monday-Friday, between whatever, and 0300-0400 'Financial Survival' then off again; also *off*, UT Saturday 01-03 (or from whenever AWWW ends, usually later than 0100); UT Sunday *off* 0200-2100. 9330 is supposedly totally off the air weekends, and *on* the air M-F only at 22-23 for 'Money Talks' plus AWWW UT Sats 00-01+. 5110 is shown as totally *off* the air from UT Monday 0400 until UT Saturday 0000 AWWW; but on air evenings Sat/Sun/UT Mons (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.3, WRNO New Orleans (Metairie transmitter) LA; "75-0-5 WRNO Worldwide" with Jeezus pop & Xmas tune. S30 but buzzy (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oops, date and time missing, but probably early October, way pre-Xmas, between 01 and 04 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 7505+, Oct 5 at 0108, WRNO emitting big buzz along with the distorted gospel huxtress; what a sorry excuse for a SW station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5830, Oct 8 at 1117, open carrier/dead air except for some hum, from WTWW-1. Remains dead at further chex 1155, but canned ID fires at 1200, back to DA. So the lack of programming could be upline from Lebanon, maybe nothing coming out of SFAW HQ; or the satellite(?) receiver/computer at WTWW has crashed.

1216 occasional noises; 1300 another ID, more DA; still so at 1411, and has also failed to QSY to 9475 leaving R. Australia unscathed; 1431 my final check, still the same on 5830. Until now recently, random chex of WTWW had found it funxioning more or less normally. Wake up, Ted! Over 3 hours of dead air and wasted 100 kW(?) juice, probably much more overnight. Why does SFAW HQ put up with this?

Back at 1117 I also checked WTWW-2 on 5085, and that was OK with the usual moanin' & groanin' from the sunrise Brother Scare service during this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11715, KJES Vado NM (presumed); 1334, 4-Oct; W in English reading from the Bible? "God does not grow weary or faint." (but had to rest on the 7th "day".) Second W English with end of days stuff. SIO=444- (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI, USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft. TTFD, All logged by my ears,

on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 670, Oct 7 at 0603 UT, ``Hog Call Sports Radio``, stronger than WSCR easily nulled about 5 Hz SAH away, i.e. KHGZ Glenwood AR, which the 2014-2015 NRC AM Log reconfirms is supposed to be a 5 kW ND daytimer ONLY. Does WSCR care? Of course not! Just so clear-channel WSCR can cover to the city limits of Chicago --- and anyway, KHGZ is also on a CBS sports radio network tho not/never? // WSCR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 880, Oct 7 at 0558 UT, SRN `News`, 0559 UT KHAC weather for Window Rock etc., as this Tse Bonito NM station continues to cheat with 10 kW ND day power and pattern. Nothing on 770 from 50 kW KKOB, nor on 660 from 50 kW KTNN, just KSKY Dallas. With KRVN nulled on 880, KHAC still has a fast SAH from some musical station, maybe opposite Cuba, 12 kW R. Progreso in Mantua PR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 920, Oct 5 at 1220 UT, some local commercials all with 828-phone numbers and no area code necessary; figured it might be my nearest, KLMR Lamar CO (which reaches into NW OK in daytime, as far as Woodward but not quite Enid), but no: ``News-talk 920, KVEL``, i.e. Vernal, Utah.

I've heard it a few times before: gets out well on SRS. KVEL is 5/1 kW U2. Night pattern is supposed to go mostly northeast, not southeast, while day pattern is ND: draw your own conclusion (inaudible KLMR must still properly be on its N/S reduced power night pattern). 828- chex out as an exchange in Vernal, altho not for the 2014y NRC-AM Log-listed KVEL phone itself (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1060+, Oct 7 at 0234 UT, KIJN Farwell TX making its usual fast SAH against anything else, but open carrier/dead air. This 10 kW direxional ``daytimer`` often modulates at night too with Spanish preaching and gospel music. I was checking for XEEP DF [see MEXICO] which is also off-frequency to hi side.

1060+, Oct 7 at 1306 UT, typical fast SAH from KIJN but now hearing preacher in English ``must be born again`` instead of ``hay que renacerse`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also UNID 1060

** U S A. The afternoon of Oct 2 I found myself on a brief surprise visit to Woodward OK, 87 miles due west of Enid, so did a MW bandscan to see what differed in the daytime, 1851-1900 UT, just after Local Mean Noon. Unfortunately there were storms in the area and a lot lightning noise, worse on the low end, so not a chance for KNMX 540, Las Vegas NM, a much desired groundwave signal into OK.

1370, possibly a JBA carrier, but nothing definite from KGNO Dodge City KS. It's only 98 miles, vs 158 to Enid city-to-city; surely a 5 kW ND signal over excellent Ogalalla Aquifer ground conductivity should be making it here if really on, and at normal power level. For comparison, 1270, KSCB Liberal KS is 95 miles away, also 5 kW ND, and has a good signal! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since I have seen no reports from anyone else about KGNO, 1370, 5/0.23 kW U1, Dodge City KS being off the air (or greatly reduced power), as I have been unable to hear it now at three different daytime locations in Oklahoma, I check the FCC info on it, <http://transition.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=37130> and no, as of UT Oct 4, nothing recent in Correspondence Folder, nothing about an STA to be off the air or whatever. Furthermore, it's not on the list of silent stations for two months as of 2 October at: <http://transition.fcc.gov/mb/audio/newsite/docs/silentAM.html>

But we know that is certainly incomplete dependent on stations themselves notifying the FCC of situations. Furthermore, it's listed as if nothing is wrong in the new NRC AM Log 2014-2015. Sept 13 was the date I first suspected it missing as in DXLD 14-38. I have now e-mailed Rocking M Radio corp HQ in Manhattan inquiring. The group, logo brand-style rocking-M, not to be confused with rock music formats, now owns 20 stations including AMs: KLOE-730, KXXX-790, KMMM-1290, KGNO-1370, KSMM-1470, KNNS-1510 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1400, checking at 1956-2000 UT Oct 2, old music, and at 2000 ``Your Country, KEYE, Perryton``, in the NE corner of the TX panhandle, which can't make it to Enid due to additional distance and local 1390. IIRC, KEYE was recently reported from Scandinavia in the Arctic Radio Club, but pulling in American graveyarders thousands of miles away is almost routine for them {No relation, I assume to the megawatt TV on RF 43 in Austin TX, KEYE-TV} (Glenn Hauser, Woodward OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, Oct 2 at 0551 UT, WCKY Cincinnati OH is reaudible with Brother Scare, hooray --- as KCMN Colorado Springs is unheard after weeks of nighttime cheating usurping the channel. We'll see if this stick (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, Oct 4 at 0125 UT, music from NW/SE, must be KCMN Colorado Springs cheating again with 15 kW instead of 15 watts at night; clashes with KXTD OK [q.v] also on late, but more or less mutually nullable, making SAH of ~7 Hz with it. 0130 UT ``Good times and great oldies up and down the Front Range, on the I-25 Radio Network``. But some tunes I hear have a country tinge. Its official 15-watt hours are supposed to be in Oct: 0015-1315 UT; Nov: 2345-1345

UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also OKLAHOMA

Pertaining to Mr. Hauser's AM DX to Enid reporting, regarding KCMN and KREL:

I remember both stations with a very strong signal to Dallas on the two date's mentioned below. I had been hearing KCMN for several nights at what seemed like lower signal levels, but still quite there, and wondering who they were. I was a little surprised when I looked them up and what power they are supposed to be running at that night. Although it's not in this report, I was hearing them several days later at the really loud level still.

1530 KCMN CO Colorado Springs 9-10-14

PRD5, VG, 0224 Stones, Motown, Springsteen, ads for local charity, slogan; 0246, KCMN is booming here.

1580 KREL CO Colorado Springs 9-11-14

PRD5, 2103 gospel music E/W and W/NW is Fox Sports with mentions of Colorado springs, "KREL Colorado sports 1580" at 2113 (Ward Elliott, PRD5, DX397, Juliette, Terk, 5 Oct, IRCA via DXLD)

These two are so common and often dominant on my western antenna system here in IL that I don't mention them. This season it seems that at least one station per night and sometimes several on 1530 are misbehaving. KCMN has a CH power and I think some nights they use it. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, Barrington IL, ibid.)

Equipment: PRD5, DX397, Juliette FPR, Terk

location: Dallas, TX,

report time's are in CDT = Central Daylight Time.

August, September, October, 2014, with the exception of CHHA, domestic station's I'm hearing, mostly on PRD5, in Dallas, TX, from my apartment.

680	KKYX San Antonio	TX
960	WERC Birmingham	AL
960	KGKL San Angelo	TX
1320	KWHN Fort Smith	AR
1330	KCKM Monahans	TX
1370	WCOA Pensacola	FL
1380	KKRX Lawton	OK
1410	KGSO Wichita,	KS
1460	KXNO Des Moines	IO
1530	KCMN Colorado Springs	CO
1550	KLFJ Springfield	MO
1550	KYAL Sapulpa	OK

1550 KAPE Cape Girardeau MO
1580 KREL Colorado Springs CO
1600 KATZ St. Louis MO
1610 CHHA Toronto ON
1610 Radio Pioneers Gordon, TX part-15 station
1620 WNRP Gulf Breez FL
1640 KZLS Enid OK
1640 WTNI Biloxi MS
1670 Cleburne, TX emergency advisory, WR radio WQ6T206

1620 WNRP 10-2-14
1370 WCOA 10-3-14

WNRP and WCOA were heard in the same night, after moving away from WNRP from 2026 to 2135, and a brake for my ears, the next station to jump out was WCOA at 2324 to 0049 with ID at 0049. My first Florida, and a double state and double city in one night.

680 KKYX TX San Antonio 8-31-14
2030 with working man blues.

960 WERC AL Birmingham 9-9-14
PRD5, P, out for long periods then in just as long, 2316 ad's 2333 Alabama mentioned and signal improves for call's at 2351, 2353, 0002 9-10-14.

960 KGKL TX San Angelo 9-10-14
PRD5, VP to F, C2C and SS music, then "KGKL news talk of__valley, news talk 960 KGKL" 0030.

1320 KWHN AR Fort Smith 8-30-14
PRD5, "1320 KWHN" 0522. 9-12-14, "news talk 1320 KWHN" 0308.

1330 KCKM TX Monahans 8-29-14
DX397, 0017 country music, " ladies and gentlemen your listening to West Texas power house" at 0030, "we're proud of our music vault," also 9-12-14, PRD5, "you'll hear it all on the oil field station KCKM 1330" 0241.

1370 WCOA FL Pensacola 10-2-14 and 10-3-14
2324 two sets of call letters, they sounded like "wtoa", at 0027 heard what sounds like WCOA, PRD5 and Terk pointed south east, 0049 "WCOA Pensacola WCOA WCOA.com into Red Eye.

1380 KKRX OK Lawton 9-3-14
DX397, 0038 hearing Snoop Dog and other urban music, and on 9-4-14, PRD5, "all new 1380 KKRX Lawton" at 0129, id again at 0137.

1410 KGSO KS Wichita 9-2-14

Juliette FPR, 0100 "KGSO 1410 Wichita" into sports. 9-3-14, PRD5, 0140 with several id's and or call's.

1460 KXNO IO Des Moines 9-3-14, PRD5, some time between 0116 and 0134 "1460 KXNO Des Moines's sports station."

1530 KCMN CO Colorado Springs 9-10-14

PRD5, VG, 0224 Stones, Motown, Springsteen, ads for local charity, slogan 0246, KCMN is booming here and has been every time I check.

1550 KAPE MO Cape Girardeau 9-10-14

PRD5, hearing "K Radio" several times while monitoring KYAL, 0503 "KAPE radio 100.3" I think I heard them use their old call letters KGM0, or FM affiliation.

1550 KYAL OK Sapulpa 9-10-14

PRD5, 0451 "Tulsa 97.1FM The Sports Animal," Tulsa mentioned in several back to back slogan's, then a bunch of AM and FM Frequency and call letters, too poor to copy and Tigers Football promo.

1550 KLFJ MO Springfield 9-7-14

PRD5, G, 2353 tourist info and occasional local Springfield business mentioned. This station sounds like it's local here.

1580 KREL CO Colorado Springs 9-11-14

PRD5, 2103 gospel music E/W and W/NW is Fox Sports with mentions of Colorado springs, "KREL Colorado sports 1580" at 2113.

1600 KATZ MO Saint Louis 8-31-14

DX397, 2300, P, mixing with SS music and into Coast, id and slogan, 2308.

1610 CHHA ON Toronto 9-11-14

PRD5, SS music with EE ad, 0100 "radio votas_ CHHA 1610 AM in EE and SS."

1610 Part-15 station, Gordon, TX, Radio Pioneers, 9-12-14, 0137 nice to here this, oldies.

1620 WNRP FL Gulf Breez 10-2-14

PRD5, Terk W/E, 2016 mentions of Pensacola, talk format, competing with a Cuban man, and in for nice clear id' at 2135.

1640 KZLS OK Enid 8-30-14

PRD5, 1847, VG, political talk, slogan and id 1904.

1640 WTNI MS Biloxi 9-10-14

PRD5, F to G, 0118 hearing ESPN mixing with Red Eye Radio, a mention of Biloxi perks up my ears, frequency and slogan 0220, Golden Eagle Football and Tuscaloosa mentioned at 0316, and at 0347 "sports radio 1640 The Champ, wake up Wednesday Gulf Coast 1640 WTNI Biloxi."

1670 Cleburn TX 8-30-14, 0522

"The City of Cleburn operates and maintains the Emergency Advisory Radio 1670 AM" WX WQ6T206.

Thanks for your patients and indulgence. I feel what might be described as a bit of a compulsion to share my findings with others. I will be joining up with the radio clubs so in the future will post there instead of this list. Also I'm really wanting to show off my PRD5, it is a great little radio. Thanks and have a great day!
-- (Ward Elliott, IRCA HCDX via DXLD)

** U S A. KHPY 1670 CA into IL tonight --- Something may be out of spec at KHPY tonight as they are very rare here but coming in reasonably well on peaks with Spanish Religion here near Chicago tonight. WOZN is not coming in well at all. X-band cx to the west seem normal, which is an improvement over bad as they've been for a few weeks. Audio is // web but a couple seconds off.

<http://elsembradorministries.com/esne/ESNE-TV/square/esneradioenvivo-s.html>

73 KAZ Barrington IL Perseus and Double KAZ antenna west (not using the broadside array of two since one antenna is close to power lines and noise is bad as we have hi (Neil Kazaross, 0435 UT 4 October, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. According to media reports Clear Channel is changing its name to IHeartMedia to play off their 'IHeartRadio' app. The executive of Clear Channel I heard on NPR on Wednesday said in effect that 'the name "Clear Channel" looks backward and "IHeartMedia" looks forward, and as a company they want to look forward.' The show is at <http://tinyurl.com/clearchan-iheart> if you'd like to hear his exact words.

OK, I can't resist making an editorial comment:

Maybe, just maybe, if they let local radio stations continue to have local content and focused on the community instead of on-line they'd do better, but that may just be my old fogey coming out. Of course they did admit that 95% of their audience was via good old fashioned radio, so I'm just thinking....

He said Clear Channel owns over 850 radio stations in the US and they

are seeking to 'extend the platform' because listeners love the programming not the transmitter or tower that carries it. He actually may have a point there, but he doesn't understand radio has to be local. He also doesn't 'get' that radio has two bands and kept referring to only FM as a viable radio source. I wonder what the folks at WION AM1430 would say about that?

Interestingly, the executive, Bob Pittman, who used to work for Warner MX Satellite Entertainment, started his radio career at age 15. At that age, he walked into a small local radio station, introduced himself to the owner and said 'I'd like a job' and the local owner did something a Clear Channel station would NEVER do -- he gave him a chance.

HOWEVER, as much as I'd like to rip him and Clear Channel a 'new one' because of the way they run their stations, Mr Pittman certainly DID make some interesting points. Give the link above a listen. ñkvz (Kenneth Vito Zichi, ed., MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

** U S A. Radio Disney is apparently NOT going dark as was originally planned. Apparently there were some political twists. Disney wants favors from the FCC and the FCC is using their "because they can" powers to keep them using their station licenses unless and until they sell them. Hey -- it doesn't really make sense to me either, but for now at least, the Mouse Po(o)p music and chipperness continues (Kenneth Vito Zichi, ed., MI, MARE Tipsheet 3 Oct via DXLD)

Radio Disney --- As I reported a week ago, the Disney AMs will not be going silent right away. The Disney lawyers did not want to test the FCC's willingness to grant that many silent STAs at once on economic grounds, so the stations are staying on with minimal staffing and no local content save legal IDs until sales to new owners can be completed. That process is likely to take weeks at minimum and likely months in most cases (Scott Fybush, NY, Oct 4, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I think Disney wants to get out of the network business. Networks are a headache. Programming KDIS alone will be far easier and much less expensive than a network.

It paid way too much for some of the stations. A lot of money was spent on broadbanding to make HD easier to configure and maintain. The high power facilities are expensive to maintain. Not having to pay for HD licenses each year will save a lot of money.

I think Spanish, religious (especially Catholic) and other ethnic group owners will be interested in the stations. They have money to spend. Cumulus and iHeart Media are both heavily leveraged and losing a lot of money. Several Catholic groups are aggressively buying

stations. Disney would probably accept reasonable offers.

Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, 5 Oct, IRCA via DXLD)

I totally agree with your analysis of why Disney is getting out, how they paid too much for the stations and in the end, many of them will become brokered facilities. They paid \$40 million for WQEW. It was an LMA which lasted for eight years. They won't get that today (Larry Stoler, *ibid.*)

** U S A. First decent tropo DX opening of the fall here, Oct 7, all times UT: [see also OKLAHOMA]

1416 on RF 18, KFSM-DT as 5-1, and KXNW-MY as 5-2, the latter with 34 bug in LR; photoed. KXNW major channel is 34 in Eureka Springs, but also on a bunch of minor channels including this, from Fort Smith: KFSM is 550 kW. City to city distance 333 km = 207 miles
<http://www.w4uvh.net/KXNW-MY.jpg>

1423 on RF 9, KAFT-1 as 13-1, Fayetteville AR, 37.9 kW; no time to check subchannels, presumed same as before including reading on 13-4

1423 on RF 27, ``no`` signal from KFOR OKC, implying that there is DX CCI at least when aimed east. So probably caused by KFTA-TV in Fort Smith, 600 kW. Other OKCs OK on same heading, e.g. KWTW-39

1431 on RF 14, KERA-HD as 13-1, World as 13-2; no others, but my STB makes it hard to unmix from RF 13 OETA with 4 channels. KERA: 975 kW from Dallas TX

1436 on RF 41, KXAS-DT as 5-1; Cozi-TV as 5-2; 891 kW, Fort Worth TX

Tropo maps show heavy opening into S Texas, even Tamaulipas, but nothing further than The Metroplex for me: 432 km / 269 miles from Cedar Hill site antenna farm

1448 on RF 21, KHBS-DT as 40-1; ARK-CW as 40-2. Photoed the latter; still in at 1528. Clock on program guide/ID registers CST 9:00 AM at 1500 UT, not CDT! 325 kW from Fort Smith AR, 333 km = 207 miles
<http://www.w4uvh.net/ARK-CW.jpg>
[flash by accident, yet produces sharper image than some others]

** U S A. Another tropo TV/FM DX opening morning of Oct 8, from further west than yesterday, around the Texas Panhandle, all times UT:

1443 on RF 9, DTV 2-1 as KACV-HD, and 2-2 as KACV-SD (but no others), i.e. PBS from Amarillo. 2-2 is in Spanish! with PBS` V ME network with kidvid but after 1500 tips for expectant mothers. V ME means ``watch

me``; why they don't spell it VE ME is not clear. First time I've seen it on any PBS outlet, certainly not on the others around here. 1458 ID break says it's sponsored by, ``un servicio de Panhandle.`` [see comment below]

Full VHF/UHF bandscan finds no other AMA stations decoding, altho KACV is in solid. Other major RF channels there are 7, 10, 15, 19, of which 7 and 15 are blocked by OKC. City to city distance to Amarillo: 380 km = 236 miles

1447 on RF 44, intriguing Bad signal here, but there are no full-powers in the TX panhandle, just a bunch of LPs or translators, closest being Gruver, K44CC-D, 420 watts relaying KFDA-10 Amarillo. Also no greater than 15 kW in Hereford, Lubbock, Memphis, Midland, Wichita Falls.

From OK I am also getting as far east as KTEN RF 26 Ada; also KWET RF 8 Cheyenne from the west.

I also do a full analog bandscan, but nothing seen. It appears all the western OK/TX panhandle analog translators ch 52-69 are now gone, migrated to DTV lower channels, as none listed in W9WI.com presumably drawn from the latest FCC info. The *only* possibility listed in this DX area is, but not seen:

Analog 69, KDFL-LP, 15 kW in Lubbock with Azteca network; really ON? There are still a few in the 52-69 band in extreme S Texas, Mexico, Montana and Canada. Listed at channel 67 is an application from K48NY-D in Gainesville TX (near the OK border toward The Metroplex), which would be an interesting catch if it really exist on 67 instead of 48.

Meanwhile, I check the 88-92 FM band for anything unusual, finding only: 89.5, High Plains Public Radio, 100/100 kW near Spearman TX, at the Top o` Texas, KTOT. 1500 UT announcement asks for people to volunteer as signal monitors! (with so many unattended satellites & translators they need help keeping track of outages).

Local ID on 89.5 jointly with [unheard] KZNZ 91.5 Elkhart KS, which is only 250 watts: evidently KZNZ picks up KTOT to relay; no IDs now for all the other HPPR stations in OK, KS and CO. After NPR news, at 1506 UT, weather for all regions starting with Amarillo & Guymon, and into 'High Plains Morning', unclassical music presumably originating from HQ near Garden City. Still in at 1559, but by 1606 starting to lose out to adjacent local 89.7 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Midwestern broadcasters still have a hard time offering any type of Spanish programming to their audiences! When I was living in Colorado

north of Denver, ALL the PBS outlets out west carried V-Me. I was shocked last year to see that one of the Springfield MO ld's (RF 8) put MundoFox as their first channel slot (primary). That was at my urging, as I had been in email contact with the station owner and he consulted me when wanting to revamp his channel offerings (he runs an additional 4 subs at 480i). I strongly suggested offering at least one Spanish channel IF he could get clearance to carry one (Jim Thomas, Springfield MO, Oct 10, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

** U S A. RADIO ONE DROPS ALL-NEWS FROM HOUSTON FM.

Nearly three years after launching Houston's first FM all-news radio station, Radio One has pulled the plug on iNews 92.1 KROI. The station aired its last broadcast today and is now stunting as all Beyoncé iB-92.1 Radio One cites its sustained poor ratings performance and significant financial losses over the past three years in making the decision. KROI had a 0.9 share (6+) in Nielsen's September survey.

Inspired by the success of Hubbard Broadcasting's all-news giant WTOP (103.5) in Radio One's corporate backyard of Washington, DC, iNews92.1 KROI launched in November 2011. Dropping the gospel format that aired on the 92.1 frequency helped urban AC sister iMajic 102.1 KMJQ. But the all-news format never gained ratings traction, despite an ambitious effort and a multi-year commitment to the high-overhead format.

iUnfortunately, the market hasn't shown a sustainable appetite for news radio, but each of you motivated us daily to produce a high-quality news program, i Radio One says in a posting on KROI's website. iTogether, we made history. i

- See more at: <http://www.insideradio.com/article.asp?id=2847977>
(via Artie Bigley, OH, Oct 8, DXLD)

** U S A. 104.1 MHz, FLORIDA, WZIG-LP, Palm Harbor. 1827 October 3, 2014. New LPFM, eclectic mix of songs such as this string sample: Nirvana "Come As You Are", The Beach Boys "Crocodile Rock" (from a 1991 Elton John tribute album), Material Issue/Liz Phair "The Tra La La Song (One Banana, Two Banana)", Sheryl Crow "A Change Would Do You Good", CC Adcock "Y'all'd Think She'd Be Good 2 Me", Supertramp "Breakfast In America".

Automated during my listen at least, with 4-5 seconds gap between tracks, and male, "WZIG 104.1" after every couple of songs, sometimes barking dog SFX. Licensed to Palm Harbor Radio, Inc. which is Paul Kempter, site appears to be residential on Lake Tarpon, 100 watts. Audible with only minor breakup from Feather Sound, Clearwater, while only 5-6 miles west at the house, essentially no trace of (just the Orlando FM station). -- Florida Low Power Radio Stations:

<https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations>
(Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. Daylight Saving Time for Uruguay will be effective next Sun, Oct 5, 2014. At 0200 local time/0500 UT. Difference will be UT-2 -- (Horacio Nigro CX3BZ, "La Galena del Sur", Montevideo, Uruguay, Oct 3, dxldyg via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. October 1: Radio Free Asia in Vietnamese to SEAs again on shortwave 1400 on 12045 Saipan, 9950 Tinian
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiUncMArMHA&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Free Asia in Vietnamese to SEAs again on shortwave 1453 on 9950 Tinian, 12045 Saipan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvu7hdR8MSE&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Free Asia in Vietnamese was back on shortwave from Oct. 1:
1400-1500 on 9950 TIN 250 kW / 270 deg to SEAs
1400-1500 on 12045 SAI 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs
2330-0030 on 9940 TIN 250 kW / 270 deg to SEAs
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/radio-free-asia-in-vietnamese-will-be.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #874 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Oct. 7, 2014, via DXLD)

** YEMEN. Radio Sana'a in English was back on shortwave on Oct. 2 after break:
1800-1900 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME with awful modulation.
Videos
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/radio-sanaa-in-english-was-back-on.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #874 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Oct. 7, 2014, via DXLD)

October 2: Radio Sana'a in English, back on shortwave, awful modulation 1848 on 6135 Al Hiswah
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_gIz942a04M&feature=youtu.be

Radio Sana'a in English, back on shortwave, awful modulation 1852 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i808DtUwF-A&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in English, back on shortwave, awful modulation 1856 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lN7g90vZ1g&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No broadcast of Radio Sana'a in English on Oct. 3, but again on air on

Oct.4 - 2 videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/radio-sanaa-in-english-was-back-on.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

October 4: Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1804 on 6135 Al Hiswah
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jk4UgjT_1lM&feature=youtu.be

Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1820 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lf12TNLKisc&feature=youtu.be>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Radio Sana'a on Oct. 8, sorry for local electricity noise
till 1500 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic, very rare on air
1800-1900 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME English, irregular in air
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/reception-of-radio-sanaa-on-oct8.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30
m. long wire, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA, 11735, Zanzibar B.C., Oct 04 1517-1524, 35333,
Swahili, Afro pop and koran, ID at 1521 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX,
IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT,
130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar; 2045-2100:19*, 4-Oct; W in unknown
language with Arabish vocals; 2059 English Spice FM promo into high-
life music & abruptly off. SI0=3+53- (Harold Frodge, Port Hope MI,
USA, Drake R8B + 500 ft. unterminated double-dog-leg bev + 85 Ft.
TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 12105, Radio Dialogue (Talata-Volonondry) *1600 26
Sept. Nice to hear them again with reggae tunes to open, quick chat in
(presumed) Ndebele/Shona & English slogan: "Radio Dialogue - Giving
You A Voice" (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

October 4: Radio Dialogue FM in English to Zimbabwe 1613 on 12105
Talata, Madagascar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VozaPvZJ90E&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Dialogue FM in English to Zimbabwe 1630 on 12105 Talata
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_H2Pa23RL1I&feature=youtu.be
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific carrier search Oct 5 at 1210-1213: JBA
from the NW on 774, 693 [not typo 694 as in original report], 828, all
extremely likely to be NHK JAPAN; and 1053, S/N Korean radio war.
Today's Enid sunrise is 1230 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

Oklahoma TP DX 10/8/14 --- Thus far it has been the worst TP DX season in several years here. And, it was another frustrating session listening this morning. I did manage to hear a few minutes of poor audio from JOUB 774 at 1041-1045 GMT. Once the signal faded out nothing was heard afterward. Even the lunar eclipse was obscured by a thin cloud layer. Oh well, until tomorrow! Receiver: Tecsun PL-310 with eight-inch FSL. Good DX (Richard Allen, near Perry OK USA, IRCA via DXLD)

I certainly agree with you about the TP DX season so far. But anytime that you can receive audio from JOUB 774 on an Ultralight radio in Oklahoma (especially during this lackluster season), it's quite an accomplishment. I'm aware of a few other DXers in far inland states that would love to trade places with you.

By the way, you heard an Asian station this morning that never showed up here -- the 774 frequency is usually wiped out here by Seattle splatter. 73, (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA), *ibid.*)

UNIDENTIFIED. 610, Oct 8 at 0533, Spanish roughly from SW, atop KCSP Kansas City [not Omaha as in original report: that's KXSP on 590], ID(?) as Radio Viva, plugging a noticiero. XEBX Sabinas, Coahuila, and XEGS Guasave, Sinaloa are the two XEs I normally get on 610, but there is no R. Viva slogan listed for them or anything in Cant's AM list except XEF 1420 Ju·rez, Chihuahua (and there is no CiJz on 610 in case it's cross-promotion of a sibling station; Viva slogan used to be on 1560 Ju·rez). Possibly the word was Vida instead, but that leads nowhere at all. Rather than a name/slogan, ``radio viva`` could just mean ``live radio`` generically, altho the normal term would be ``en vivo`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Off-frequency Radio F rmula: SRS this morning: I had someone noticeably offset on 740 at 1120 UTC. I pinned the frequency down to 739.95 and then caught a couple "Radio F rmula" announcements coming from the off-frequency station. I'm guessing either XECAQ [Canc n] or XEQN [Torre n], either of which would be a new one here. Has anyone noted either one of these stations being off-frequency? Thanks, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Oct 4, ABDX via DXLD) More; MEXICO

UNIDENTIFIED. 900, Oct 5 at 1219 UT, noise level being transmitted from NE/SW; again suspect open STL feed to/from the only Mexican in that direxion, XEDP, Ciudad Cuauht moc, Chihuahua (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 930, Oct 8 at 1208 UT with WKY OKC nulled while it is speaking in Spanish, another SS is audible playing a corrido, making

fast SAH with WKY or something; 1211 UT announcement but unreadable, just too much QRM. As last year, I am wondering if it's KHJ Los Angeles CA, 5/5 kW U2 with ranchera format. No other SS are known in the western USA on 930. There are no Mexicans further northwest than XESHT in Saltillo, Coahuila, and its balada format would also fit, altho it's low-powered and pretty far from the WKY null azimuth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1060, Oct 7 at 1306 UT, heifer prices with KIJN TX nulled, 1308 UT into music. I would guess the BIZ format of KRCN ruralish Longmont CO the best bet, altho its 50 kW ND day power is not authorized until 1315 UT in October. It also has a PSRA of 126 watts starting at 1200 UT in Oct, a big boost from night power of 111 watts. Also possible: KNLV Ord NE, 1 kW; KGFX Pierre SD, 10 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4870, 1357-1447+ 8 Oct. JBA/very poor with W DJ chat / romantic-pop songs, apparently no break at TOH/BOH. AIR (Delhi-Kingsway) sked 1330-1430 in Nepali, followed by Voice of Kashmir in Kashmiri 1430-1530 from same site, but not enough signal to check if language changed at BOH (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe, but what about RRI Wamena, 4870-? Consistently active until 1500*^v per <http://rri.jpnr.org> (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7205, (SUDAN?), Sudan Radio (Tentative), at 0232, on 5 Oct. A male speaker is talking in what sounds like French. The listed language for Radio Sudan is Arabic. At 0233 there is music playing followed by the same male speaking again. A female speaker came on at 0234 and she is speaking in French also. At 0235 there was music with both the male and female talking. There is some interference with ham radio on the band but the station is coming through fairly strong. At 0236 a new male is talking again in French.

There are brief English news clips talking about Detroit playing at 0237-0239 followed by the male announcer and then a female announcer talking. At 0241 a male English speaker came on and spoke briefly in a clip, he said his name was Matthew. The station abruptly went off the air at 0244 with a ham radio operator coming up on the band and stating he called the station by getting their number on the Internet, and told them they needed to change frequency as they were interfering with the 40 meter band. I am really confused by this and find it a little bit incredulous [sic] that an International SW Station would do that for a US based ham. I am not sure what I was listening to now. It was in French and there were English news clips being played about Detroit, and talked about. Fair (John Cooper, Lebanon, PA, Winradio-G33DDC, Com Radio CR-1A, RF Space-SDR-IQ, Sangean ATS-909X w/ Clear

Mod, Grundig Satellit 750, Wellbrook ALA 1530+, Super Sloper Tuned All Band Antenna, PARS- SWL End Fed, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

I deliberately looked for this the next night, UT Oct 6 before and after 0230, but heard nothing but LSB hams in English or Spanish.

Once again, the 7200-7300 range is SHARED geographically between hams and broadcasters, a bad idea from the outset, but international agreements have failed to resolve it. In the Americas, 7200-7300 is only for hams, but in the rest of the world it is only for broadcasters. Tough luck if there is QRM either way across the oceans.

A few broadcasters violate the spirit of this share by deliberately broadcasting to the Americas on the band, but that would not be the case with Sudan if that's what this was. Of course, most broadcasters have the upper hand with much greater power than hams. OTOH, 7000-7200 is only for hams worldwide; until a few years ago 7100-7200 was also a share like 7200-7300 still is (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 7777.7, 14-40, in case these are any relation (gh):
7777.00 USER1 - [...] ALE/USB 29-set 1602 CLG "USER3"
1704,1806 CLG "USER3" (BC)
7777.00 USER3 - [...] ALE/USB 29-set 1704 CLG "USER1" 1831
CLG "USER1" (BC) (Bruno Casula, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Vietnamese OM and YL with music. Sounds like a radio broadcast but it might be maritime. 20141007, 1135z, 8112 kHz USB, SIO 444 (Fibber in Oregon, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9595, probably AIR in Swahili with African and Indian music was noted on Sept. 30 at 1535-1601 on 9595. No signal next day Oct.1. Videos
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/10/unidentified-station-probably-air-in.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Oct 2, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15150, Oct 2 until 1355* steady open carrier and off. Thought it might turn into Oman on wrong frequency again instead of 15140 for 1400 English; could also be Madagascar, Austria or Sri Lanka tuning up prior to later 15150 transmissions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. I received an unknown broadcast on 26794 at 1423-1429 Z in Spanish I believe. I sent a mp3 file to the files section. Maybe someone can id it for me. I guess it's a pirate (Rah, Oct 7, ABDX via DXLD)

ID? Sounds like ``La C'guer``, presumably a CBer (gh, DXLD)

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## UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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There are a couple of nice comments scattered elsewhere in this issue. No financial support was received this week, by check or MO in US funds on a US bank to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702; or by PayPal, not necessarily in US funds, to woradio at yahoo.com

## CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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### EDXC 2014, European DX Council

This annual event was held from 19th through 22nd of September in France. On 19th, most of attendees met at Nice airport by Mr. Christian Ghibaudo, organizer of the EDXC 2014, and took EDXC chartered bus to Saint Dalmas de Tende, 70km north of Nice. On arrival, we checked in the hotel located in picturesque valley of Southern Alps in France.

The official opening was announced by EDXC Chairman, Mr. Kari Kivecas of Finland. Then, Mr. Dario Monferini of Italy presented his Brazilian Radio tour. The next day session was started by Mr. Kivecas about EDXC matters, and Mr. David Ricquish of New Zealand presented news about radio stations in New Zealand and South Pacific.

After the tour to Tende village, the presentation was resumed. Mr. Ghibaudo presented the history of Radio Monte Carlo [see MONACO], and Mr. Anker Petersen of Denmark talked about his DX-ing on a cruise ship to the Caribbean Sea. Mr. Alexander Beryozkin spoke about his St. Petersburg radio club.

On the third day, the chartered bus brought us to Ventimiglia of Italy and Monaco, where we had a tour of the palace, then to Nice hotel, covering three countries in one day. The fourth day was excursion in Nice with visits to a couple of radio stations. The Conference was attended by 29 people from 9 countries, and very successful and enjoyable. This is all for this month and hope you enjoy DXing. (Toshi Ohtake, Japan Short Wave Club, P. O. Box 44, Kamakura 248-8691, Japan, JSWC bulletin October 2014 via playdx yg via DXLD)

## DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BRAZIL; NEW ZEALAND; USA: 1750

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also MEXICO; OKLAHOMA; USA TVDX  
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DISAPPEARANCE OF US OTA TELEVISION LOOMS TO 'REALITY' ?

This article was posted yesterday....

<http://www.broadcastingcable.com/news/washington/fcc-pitches-38-billion-reasons-participate-incentive-auction/134449>

Perhaps someone already posted this, on this forum. Today's news says the cable and satellite operators are now anxiously awaiting the outcome of what FCC chair Tom Wheeler is pushing for. And yes, in the not too distant future, we may be paying to watch Wheel of Fortune and CSI. Might be a sad day for DTV DXers (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, Oct 2, WTFDA via DXLD)

Interesting article. I suspect the stations in the smallest markets make the least amount of money from operations and they will have more interest in the auctions. Ironically, they will be the least needed for wireless. Well, I sure have no intention to pay for the regular fare on network TV since I watch very little of it, anyway! IMHO PBS is the only network worth watching and I believe they intend to remain free.

As for DXing, our hobby has always made do with what is out there. I fully adapted to DTV from analog and intend to do the same for whatever comes. If the band becomes tightly packed we will need to start using phase cancellation to open up channels (Mike Glass N9BNN, Lebanon, Indiana USA, ibid.)

Business --- FCC MAKES PITCH FOR TV STATIONS' SPECTRUM --- Commission Offers Estimated Prices to Entice Reluctant Broadcasters to Participate in Auction to Sell Their Airwaves  
By Gautham Nagesh Oct. 1, 2014 12:00 a.m. ET

The Federal Communications Commission is adopting a hard-sell strategy for next year's spectrum incentive auction in an effort to entice reluctant broadcasters to participate.

At the auction, TV stations will take bids to sell their airwaves and either go out of business or be relocated to a new channel. The FCC will then auction the spectrum to wireless carriers to meet the exploding demand for mobile broadband. Observers have called the auction the most complex undertaking attempted by the FCC recently.

To win over TV broadcasters, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is making the case that the spectrum auction is a unique opportunity. Getty Images

The broadcasters have thrown up roadblocks throughout the process and are currently challenging aspects of the FCC's order in court, though they say they are fine with the auction as long as it remains voluntary.

To win them over, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is making the case that the auction is a unique opportunity for TV broadcasters and has hired an investment bank, Greenhill

{GHL -0.51% Greenhill & Co. Inc. U.S., NYSE ^\$46.49 -0.24 -0.51% Sept. 30, 2014 4:06 pm Volume (Delayed 15m): 301,163 AFTER HOURS ^\$46.49 0.00 % Sept. 30, 2014 4:29 pm Volume (Delayed 15m) : 6,075 P/E Ratio 53.44 Market Cap \$1.32 Billion Dividend, Yield 3.87% Rev. per Employee \$713,050}

to prepare a pitch document that it will send to every eligible TV station in the country. The document attempts to spell out how broadcasters stand to benefit from participating in the auction--including dollar estimates in every market.

"What we've been saying is, you know what, there might just be a higher and better use for that spectrum that will put more money in your pocket," Mr. Wheeler said in a phone interview.

The auction represents in many ways an existential threat to the broadcasting industry, as it could result in dozens of stations going off the air. The latest information from the FCC indicates the auction could affect more stations and markets than initially thought, partly because of the high projected prices stations can expect to receive for their spectrum in large urban and suburban markets.

An FCC official said the document makes it clear that the auction is voluntary, and that stations are free to back out at any time. Stations that choose to sell their spectrum have multiple options: go off-air, enter into a channel-sharing agreement with another broadcaster, or take less money and be relocated to a lower frequency channel, a process known as repacking. Stations that don't take part will be moved to another channel with a similar frequency and footprint.

National Association of Broadcasters spokesman Dennis Wharton said the group is glad the FCC is providing more information publicly. "That is a key part of the auction. If we can just get balanced protections for those who choose not to participate, we think we'll see a terrific auction," he said.

Of particular interest in the document is a table of the FCC's estimates for how much TV stations can expect to take home from

selling their spectrum in each market. The FCC official cautioned that the figures are approximations, and said in many cases the final price would be lower depending on the demand for spectrum in specific markets.

The prices represent the value of a station's spectrum, not the business as a whole, and in many cases appear to exceed the value of the stations themselves particularly with respect to smaller stations in large cities and suburbs.

Large markets like New York, Los Angeles and Philadelphia showed the highest prices, but smaller markets like Providence, R.I., Palm Springs, Calif., and Scranton, Pa., that are near large urban areas also produced median full power station values above \$100 million. The FCC official said it is because stations in those markets can produce interference that affects the large metro areas.

"This is very much a daisy-chain issue, where what happens in one market affects what happens in another market," Mr. Wheeler said.

Some estimates from the FCC's pitch document: In New York City, the median full power station was projected to take home \$410 million for its spectrum, while that figure was \$340 million in Los Angeles, \$230 million in Philadelphia and \$120 million in Chicago. Even in secondary markets like Youngstown, Ohio, and West Palm Beach, Fla., the median value of full power stations exceeded \$90 million. The most expensive stations in some of those markets could get significantly more for their spectrum.

The value of stations' spectrum was calculated based on the number of people covered by their broadcast footprint and how much interference they create; stations that create the most interference are worth the most money.

The FCC's model assumed the auction would produce revenue of \$45 billion and free up 100 MHz of spectrum for the wireless carriers. Those figures can be adjusted depending on auction participation. The final formula used by the FCC to price stations must be approved by a commission vote, but the model uses a formula that should produce a similar result.

"This is a model, the model can be adjusted up or down depending upon how much spectrum the broadcasters want to put up," Mr. Wheeler said.

The book also includes estimates for Class A stations, which are low power TV stations that meet certain programming conditions. Class A stations typically serve smaller footprints than their full power counterparts, but in New York and Los Angeles the median value of

their spectrum was roughly \$300 million a station.

The document also includes a letter from the Internal Revenue Service spelling out the tax implications of the various options. Mr. Wheeler said broadcasters have been asking the FCC for more detail on how the IRS would treat auction proceeds.

#### Pricing the Airwaves

The FCC has estimated how much money stations might be able to get for their spectrum in the auction. This is a sampling of some of the markets, with the maximum representing the station where the estimate is the highest in that market. These numbers refer to full-power stations; in some markets there are also Class A stations, low-power stations that meet certain programming requirements. The estimated value of their spectrum is lower.

| MARKET                         | In millions of dollars |        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
|                                | Full-Power Stations    |        |
|                                | Maximum                | Median |
| New York                       | \$490                  | \$410  |
| Los Angeles                    | \$570                  | \$340  |
| Chicago                        | \$130                  | \$120  |
| Philadelphia                   | \$400                  | \$230  |
| Dallas-Fort Worth              | \$ 67                  | \$ 53  |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose | \$140                  | \$110  |
| Boston                         | \$140                  | \$ 93  |
| Washington, D.C.               | \$140                  | \$130  |
| Atlanta                        | \$ 91                  | \$ 65  |
| Houston                        | \$ 52                  | \$ 45  |
| West Palm Beach                | \$100                  | \$ 93  |
| Providence, R.I.               | \$160                  | \$110  |
| Flint, Mich.                   | \$100                  | \$ 45  |
| Burlington, Vt.                | \$ 58                  | \$ 17  |
| Youngstown, Ohio               | \$ 95                  | \$ 90  |
| Palm Springs, Calif.           | \$180                  | \$100  |
| Wilkes-Barre-Scranton          | \$150                  | \$140  |

Source: The FCC (WSJ Oct 1 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

#### DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC +++++

Curious To See How Everett WA AM Stations Perform In Digital-Only Tests --- First of all, two stations, co-owned KRKO-1380 in Everett WA, and KKXA-1520 in the same county, will be testing in all-digital mode for several periods between now and Tuesday morning [Oct 7].

Both stations will test for one seven-hour period during the day and

two four-hour periods during the night. [PDT = UT -7]

The first test will be on KKXA-1520 Thursday night from 9 PM to 1 AM.  
No test will begin on Friday.

Second test will be on KRKO-1380 on Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The following two tests will be on KKXA-1520:  
Saturday 9 PM-1 AM and Sunday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM.

And the final two will be nighttime tests on KRKO-1380:  
Sunday and Monday nights from 9 PM to 1 AM.

I have no doubt that the daytime tests for both stations will please station owners and the IBOC proponents.

Both stations are currently well-received in Seattle via IBOC in the daytime, with 50,000-watt signals coming from an adjacent county.

The night signals may be trickier. Even though 1380 has other occupants, it may decode at night. It has a better signal with less fading and interference.

KKXA-1520 has strong interference at night from a station in Lake Oswego, Oregon near Portland. I believe some areas of northern California get KKXA better than we do in Seattle, but the interference from the pre-existing Oregon station is formidable.

I'll be very surprised if KKXA consistently locks in Seattle at night, but that's what tests are for. The meaningful real-world test would be for all-digital on KKXA and the Oregon station.

Anyway, it will be fascinating.

This is no WBT situation at night! I haven't received either station via IBOC at night, although both are received well on day pattern.

I hope to be recording at least some of each test in HD mode, using nothing fancy -- a Sony XDR S3HD radio with its supplied AM loop -- (Rick Lewis, Oct 2, NRC-AM via DXLD)

There's a lot of confusion involving these articles, the on-air promotion, the KRKO website, etc. The articles promote the daytime tests, as if they were the only times tests are being conducted.

I haven't heard the KRKO promos, but KKXA's promos only mention Saturday night's and Sunday afternoon's tests.

Their website mentions two night tests and one daytime test for each

station, but says times are subject to change up to October 2.

Since the website is most thorough, I presume it to be the most accurate. The promotion of "HD" is so full of smoke and mirrors, I shouldn't be surprised that the sources don't even agree with each other -- (Rick Lewis, 2023 UT Oct 2, ABDX via DXLD)

There is a discrepancy between their website and their on-air promo, and it looks like the promo is correct.

KKXA-1520 is still analog this evening. I'll leave a recorder running in case they do something receivable during the later part of the window, but they're promoting Saturday night, so I'll try again then. -- (Rick Lewis, 0435 UT Friday Oct 3, NRC-AM via DXLD)

KRKO and Sister Station do Digital AM --- This has a lot of detailed information about the tests and KRKO history.

<http://www.thebdr.net/articles/warstories/neighbors/KRKO.html>

Sent from my iPhone abdx (via Dennis Gibson, Oct 3, IRCA via DXLD)

Re: [IRCA] KRKO(AM), KKXA(AM) Will Test All-Digital HD Radio

``Listeners with analog radios will hear silence when tuned to 1380 AM and 1520 AM during test times`` Silence? Really? -- (Mike Westfall, Chile, Oct 2, IRCA via DXLD)

I'm hoping that there's no special menu item on the Sony that requires changing for this test. (I think I read somewhere that some radios require settings changes for all-digital broadcasts.) If the defaults work fine, I'm wondering if a non-analog broadcast will get a faster lock, for example. ñ (Rick Lewis, *ibid.*)

I do have the Sony receiver and I plan to try for the night tests at least. I doubt I could decode either in the day here. KRKO is heard 24/7, but is weak here days. KKXA is buried under KGDD. 73 (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Rick, Are KKXA and KRKO using full power in digital? If they are, the signal may lock better. KRKO is probably the only shot I have, as KGDD is just too strong on 1520 along with KOKC. I just checked too and KKXA is in analog at 9:39 PM, but they are weak, pretty much buried under KGDD here. CX are not the best (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Thanks, Dennis. Then the coverage should be better. No sign of KKXA in HD only tonight. According to Rick Lewis, their on the air promos speak on Friday night now. Maybe they were not ready. I doubt I will hear KKXA in HD, with the KGDD QRM, plus KOKC, but I do have a shot of

KRKO, if it will lock easier (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0453 UT Oct 3, *ibid.*)

Hi Patrick, Nope, promos say Saturday night for KKXA, not Friday night. No harm in checking, though! (Rick Lewis, *ibid.*)

Hi Patrick, Their webpage now omits tonight's test on KKXA, but adds one on Tuesday the 7th from 9 PM to 1 AM. Everything I previously read indicated a window of October 2-6, but it's right there at:

<http://www.everettpost.com/pages/11648427.php>

KGDD is so loud tonight that it took me 3 minutes to verify that I was hearing country on 1520. - (Rick Lewis, 0501 UT Oct 3, *ibid.*)

I imagine they'll use their night power but 100 percent of it in digital. Curious if they might run a small full-power test after midnight one of those nights. Not sure what they're authorized to do, but I'd think they'd be able to run full power after midnight, at least briefly. Hope there's less KGDD either Saturday or Tuesday. -- (Rick Lewis, *ibid.*)

It looks like they scraped the original Thursday night test. It will be a weekend thing going into Monday for KRKO. Thanks (Patrick Martin, OR, 0716 UT Oct 3, *ibid.*)

One bit of info I read was they will be testing with 100% digital power. I have no idea if they will test with ND status after Midnight, but it would be interesting. Thanks (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Rick, You are hearing KGDD up there in the shadow of KKXA? They must have one tight pattern. How close are you from the two tx sites? (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Patrick, I think I'm less than 30 miles from KKXA's site, and it's not very strong at night. Maybe the tightest pattern I've ever seen at such a short distance. But KGDD is massive here. Since I'm blind, thus I don't drive, I've never been able to ascertain the extent of KKXA's usable signal at night. Even in their pattern, I'd expect it to be negligible.

Years ago when I worked at daytime-only KACI in The Dalles, there's no way they could have gotten an effective night signal with KMPS in Seattle's massive signal also on 1300. Even so, after I left the area, KACI did get night authorization for a few watts (And look what happened to Seattle's 1300, now KKOL, a shadow of their former facility.) But the KACI/KMPS situation of the 80s is similar to 1520, except that KGDD is probably three times louder than KMPS was on 1300 in The Dalles. ñ (Rick Lewis, *ibid.*)

This has a lot of detailed information about the tests and KRKO history.

<http://www.thebdr.net/articles/warstories/neighbors/KRKO.html>

Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, IRCA via DXLD)

KRKO in digital mode --- KRKO-1380 is running its digital test broadcast. I don't know when it started but I first noticed it a few minutes before 11 pm Pacific time. The signal occupies exactly +/- 10 kHz bandwidth. The +/- 5kHz portion is about 15 dB stronger than the part that's 5-10 kHz above and below 1380. 1370 is free of interference on the lower sideband, as is 1390 on the upper sideband. I don't have a compatible receiver, so I can't comment on how it sounds (Bruce in Seattle, about 25 miles south of the KRKO transmitter, 0621 UT 4 October, IRCA via DXLD)

Thanks Bruce. I got it. Lots of HD hash on 1380, but clear on 1390 (1370 is on KAST) on the R8. However, I am getting an open carrier on the Sony HD receiver. on 1380 Using the NE EWE. The logo claims to be locked on, and there is just silence. So I do not know if I am not getting audio or if KRKO has an open carrier. I just got the Logo "KRKO" and bits of bursts of audio, but it comes and goes. The locked in HD is always present. I never lose that, but not strong enough most of the time to produce audio. Now if I had a 1,000 foot beverage aimed at Seattle, maybe. I do think if KSL tests with sold HD, I will get it without any issue. KRKO is just not strong enough. KKXA will even be weaker I am sure, unless KGDD goes off (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0714 UT 4 Oct, *ibid.*)

The signal went away at 12:15 AM (PDT), no HD logo, just hash. So I do not know what is going on. But I was getting bits of the HD audio at times. But here a solid HD signal on KRKO is not useable, However, the analog is fine off the NE EWE (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0717 UT 4 Oct, *ibid.*)

The carrier is back. It just locked again at 12:18 AM but no audio. The HD logo is popping on and off, so it is not strong enough to produce audio. HD Radio is like HD TV, either you get it or you do not. I guess if the stations end up going to digital, then they will mostly cover their metro area. I am trying to get some audio, if possible, but it is tough. Don't know what pattern KRKO is using (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0722 UT 4 Oct, *ibid.*)

P.S. the bits of audio I have heard are excellent, even just talk (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0723 UT 4 Oct, *ibid.*)

I lost the lock again. The signal is really down now. It was much better at the beginning. Maybe they are adjusting the power levels or

pattern. But it is not as good as it once was (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0729 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

KRKO is only directional at night.

[http://fccinfo.com/CMDProEngine.php?](http://fccinfo.com/CMDProEngine.php?sCurrentService=AM&tabSearchType=Appl&sAppIDNumber=1442382&sHours=N)

[sCurrentService=AM&tabSearchType=Appl&sAppIDNumber=1442382&sHours=N](http://fccinfo.com/CMDProEngine.php?sCurrentService=AM&tabSearchType=Appl&sAppIDNumber=1442382&sHours=N)

Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, ibid.)

Dennis, During this test, I do not know if they are using the day or night pattern (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0748 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

There is no day pattern. It's nondirectional during daytime. Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, ibid.)

Sounds like a Jet liner here on SSB and HASH on AM.. here comes the end of BC DXing (Mark W7MEM DN17NT, 0743 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

The noise in analog is very strong. In fact, it is hard to hear Ontario OR, so if stations decide to go all digital and there are a lot of them, I agree. AM DXing be a thing of the past. At least here. Moving to a different location may help (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0750 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

God love 'em for testing at a time not listed on their website, and when I wasn't available to hear it. I hope they test at all of the listed times (Rick Lewis, 1153 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

Rick, I am hoping I can catch them better on one of their other times, as KRKO was really rough to get much of during the test last night. Lots of open carrier, but only bits of short bursts of words here and there (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 1907 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

I tuned in to KRKO-1380 about 10:03 PDT this morning and it was operating in normal analog. At 10:05, it switched to digital. All white noise which extended over 1390. I couldn't tell what was happening on 1370 since the KKM0-1360 transmitter is one mile away (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, 12225w 4719n, HQ180 & ICF2010, Kiwa aircore & Palomar loops, DX398, SRF-59 & M37V, Eton E100 + Tecsun PL-300/380, 1711 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

Looking at the display on the Excalibur, the signal extends from 1370.5 to 1389.5 kHz (Bruce Portzer, WA, 1732 UT 4 Oct, ibid.)

Hi Pete and All, 1370 is covered in noise, and 1360 is more affected by the noise than in hybrid HD mode. I believe I'm about 30 miles from the transmitter. In this test I don't know what they've done and what they haven't done. No question about it; KRKO wasn't decoding before the test; they are now. As expected, their HD coverage is better. But

the bit rate isn't better, so the audio is swishy and unpleasant. The highs are artificial, and the audio is fatiguing. On average, the Sony takes about four seconds to decode the signal versus about eight seconds in hybrid mode. HD proponents would undoubtedly consider this a success. As a listener, even putting my DX preferences aside, I expected better. I wouldn't listen to audio like this on a PC, and I certainly wouldn't do it on a radio. Standard AM sounds better. It may have fewer highs, (and I love hearing high frequencies!), but it's easier on the ears (Rick Lewis, 1741 UT 4 Oct, *ibid.*)

Rick, If that is the case, then I do not see an all digital happening. However, going back to the early 90s, when Bob Rusk did one of the first articles on IBOC for Radio World, I thought at the time, the FCC would never okay such a noise maker. I was wrong as many were in the industry at the time. Here, the all digital on 1380 last night did not seem to interfere with 1390 as much. The bandwidth seemed more narrow, but KRKO is not a powerhouse here, so if someone like KSL decided to go all digital it may be a difference situation. KRKO is stronger than KKXA is by far, but still no powerhouse.

KIRO is the strongest Puget Sound station I receive day or night, followed by KJR. KIRO has about 86 KW aimed at me. None of the Puget Sound IBOCers are really that strong here. 1090 isn't either. My worst offender is KSL, followed by probably KFBK. KFBK is not really that listenable in analog as with the high end part of the band, night fades, often they sound like they are broadcasting from a barrel. KCBS is also IBOC, but doesn't QRN as much running most of their power South. I will try for the KKXA test tonight, but I don't feel I will have much luck, not with KGDD in the mix. KKXA is almost DX here at night. KKXA IS DX days and tough to get. KGDD sends their power to the W/NW. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

I just checked 1380 and in the splatter of KAST 1370, I can only detect a carrier in the HD mode. Way too weak to get any digital lock, let alone audio. But in analog, I can get KRKO well enough to listen to days, but weak. Better on the upper sideband (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 2136 UT 4 Oct, *ibid.*)

It is getting closer to LSS and KRKO is still in HD mode, after the announced 4:30 PM, cut off. Bits of audio at times as it was late night, but early before KAST-1370 goes directional, more splash. I will check out KKXA after 9 PM tonight (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0044 UT 5 Oct, *ibid.*)

I just checked and for several minutes the audio from KRKO locked and it was coming in like a ton of bricks, with local spots. At 5:46 PM, I lost the audio again, but this was a best I had heard them. As Rick stated earlier the audio is swishy. It kind of sounds like a SW

station, but it locks and there is no interference. The HD does sound local, like I am in the Seattle/Everett area. Interesting to say the least. Sony XDR-F1 receiver\NE EWE antenna (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0049 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

I think they are a little loopy-goopy on the schedule. At 9 tonight (PDT) KKXA was running two songs simultaneously ("Jolene" plus one other) but as of 9:17, after a one-minute promo heralding their all digital status and offering gas card prizes if you tell them when the station drops out, they are still analog. I will try it again later. (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, 0421 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

They went digital at 9:28 but after 4 minutes of white noise and hearing a deeply submerged KGDD, they seemingly went back to analog at 9:32. KGA was fine but KFBK was a little noisy (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, 0436 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

Sounds like KKXA may be having some issues (Patrick Martin, 0516 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

And they just posted on Facebook that the transmitter died. They're In analog at 12 kW (Paul Walker, Redding CA, 0519 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

Thanks, Paul. They are back testing in HD on KRKO, though. Stronger now and not popping in and out as much. I just checked KKXA and they may be ND as they own 1520, which is unusual, KGDD is weak way under them (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0601 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

Too bad. Last night would have been perfect for KKXA. I couldn't even hear a trace of KGDD. KKXA seemed louder than normal, but not as loud as KGDD often is. I wonder if that's going to nix KKXA's daytime test as well. ñ (Rick Lewis, WA, 1127 UT 5 Oct, ibid.)

Hi Patrick, I'm glad you got that bonus of hearing KRKO pre-sunset. As I mentioned, I don't think the audio quality is that impressive, but I'm glad we in the Northwest have had a chance to find out firsthand. -- (Rick Lewis, ibid.)

Rick, Your description of the HD audio fits mine the same too. I was not impressed. I have no idea if this is what we are stuck with, or this is in the adjusting stage. I know of an CE that complained years ago that the audio from HD bothered his ears and he had trouble listening to it, If I remember correctly KSL in the hybrid mode did not sound that bad though the couple times I have heard it. But I was sure surprised I got a lock and as much audio as I did, as KRKO is right next to my local at 5 miles away, only 1 KW talk, but still there was splatter. The Sony radio is pretty sensitive and selective. I will see if I have any shot at KKXA, but that one is tougher with

KGDD co-channel. Thanks (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

Well, they are gone at the moment (1436 UT Sunday), other than an IBOC signal on this frequency (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, ibid.) KRKO

I got home a bit ago and KKXA is running full digital mode. Even with KGDD QRMing, the digital carrier locked on, but so far no audio. But the CD is running, so I have not checked in a few minutes, but I will be surprised if I get any (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 2359 UT 5 Oct, IRCA via DXLD)

I got home about 4:40 PM, Sunday afternoon and the KKXA was still going on. It went off I guess around 5:30 or thereabouts. I started a CD recording immediately and just before KKXA went back to hybrid mode, the audio popped in with Forever and Ever Amen by Randy Travis for about 10 seconds, and then back to a solid carrier until they switched back to hybrid. I did not expect any HD reception here and I got a lot from the KRKO test and even a bit of the KKXA test. I am more surprised. The HD gets out at full digital power a lot better than I would expect, especially with huge QRM on 1520 (KGDD). The QRM on 1380 is not nearly as bad (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0328 UT 6 October, ibid.)

Consumers with IBOC receivers could decode the all digital material.  
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/seattle-listeners-take-note-of-all-digital-am-tests/272796>  
(via Allan Dunn, NRC-AM via DXLD) Viz.:

SEATTLE LISTENERS TAKE NOTE OF ALL-DIGITAL AM TESTS  
by Leslie Stimson on 10.10.2014

Listeners noticed the AM all-digital tests this week on Seattle's KRKO and KKXA.

These last planned tests were in the largest market so far of the AM all-digital HD Radio technology. They were also the first to include 50 kW stations in a large market, and at a diplexed transmitter site.

This was the second location for daytime tests on a commercial station, according to owner Andy Skotdal. He took part in the tests, driving some 1,200 miles recording data, he tells me. Some of the other drivers were: KRKO and KKXA engineer Buzz Anderson, NAB's David Layer, Hatfield & Dawson's Jim Hatfield and Stephen Lockwood, Cavell Mertz's Mike Rhodes, Nautel's Jeff Welton, KGRG(AM)/FM) CE Jon Kasprick, and CBS Radio's Tom McGinley, who's also a technical advisor to Radio World.

KRKO antennas all-digital testing

Tower Array for KRKO(AM), Seattle. Photo by Andy Skotdal

We reported the stations were airing promos, asking for listener input during the Oct. 2ñ6 day and night tests. Skotdal tells me they received feedback via their email, Facebook and phone calls. They also received digital skywave reception reports from provinces in Canada, as well as places in Montana and Oregon.

Generally, those with radios that have HD Radio technology liked what they heard, Skotdal tells me. iSome said they heard the station with better clarity than with analog in the same location, some said they heard the station farther. Some said they had enough signal [that] they didn't have to monkey with their AM antenna to get us and that the fading went away for them.i

Of course, not all the feedback was positive. Skotdal says a few listeners made the point that they only had analog radios, weren't about to buy a new digital one, and wondered whether all-digital was going to happen next year. iWe helped alter their perspective of the future over the next 10 years and told them they'd still be able to receive the station,i he tells me, meaning explaining that current hybrid digital radios can receive the all-digital signal.

You'll note Skotdal was careful not to reveal actual data nor drive routes; NAB EVP/CTO Sam Matheny told attendees of the national SBE convention this week participants are crunching the data and preparing to present that information to the NAB Radio Board, which meets at the end of the month. NAB membership will determine whether to task the broadcast lobbying organization to press the case for all-digital AM authorization at the FCC (via DXLD)

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NEW NRD-383 DIGITAL HF RECEIVER PRODUCT!

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(Christoph Ratzer, Austria, OE2CRM, <<http://ratzer.at>> A-DX Oct 3 via  
BC-DX 6 Oct via DXLD)

5,000-FT MAST POSSIBLE?

Yesterday at school I had nothing to do and I forgot my phone so I did some "calculations"

The first thing I did was try and find how much it would roughly cost to build a 5,000 ft guyed mast, I heard that the height of a mast squared is roughly the cost and 1,000ft is around .4 to 1mil\$ and

2,000ft is 4mil\$ which is what 2,000 ft squared is idk [I don't now] if that's right or not but this is just a rough estimate; any way 5,000 squared is 25mil\$.

Would it be possible to build a 5,000ft guyed mast? Actually I'm kind of surprised someone like Donald Trump hasn't done/tried to do something like this just to have BY FAR the tallest thing in the world. Back to the point, if a guyed mast isn't possible, would a partially guyed mast work, or some other type of mast? Would a signal even get down to the ground? I've always thought something like that should be built (JVL DXer, Janesville WI, WTFDA Forum via XLD)

As far as a mile high mast goes, I note that a lot of TV and radio towers top off around 2000 feet. That must be a practical limit. I have a feeling higher towers would be just too heavy for the lower part of the structure to support, and as you mentioned, it gets real expensive (Chris - Poughkeepsie, NY - Lucas, DTV DXer since April 2009, *ibid.*)

The 2,000-foot limit is essentially a Federal Aviation Administration creation. There is a presumption that towers taller than 2,000 feet are contrary to the public interest unless the broadcaster can demonstrate otherwise (really, aviation interests would rather there was nothing taller than 200 feet or so, but that would have left large swaths of the country without TV back in the pre-cable days, so the FCC's objections were not ignored).

The tallest existing structure is a building called the "Burj Khalifa" in Dubai. It's 830m. (about 2,700') The tallest radio tower ever built was for a longwave broadcast station in Poland; it was 646m (about 2,100'). This tower collapsed in 1991 and has not been rebuilt. The tallest tower still standing is a 634m (2,080') facility in Tokyo; KVLV-TV's 629m tower serving Fargo, North Dakota is #3.

I would imagine if you're willing to spend enough money on materials (and land) (and legal fees to fight the FAA) a 5,000-footer is indeed possible from a mechanical/civil engineering standpoint. From a financial standpoint, probably not.

I did a quick run on the FCC's propagation curves. A 100,000-watt FM station atop a 600m (2,000') tower would provide service to a distance of 92km. The same power on a 1,600m (5,000') tower would provide service to a distance of 116km. The increase in coverage wouldn't come anywhere near paying for the bigger tower or the land to build it on (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> *ibid.*)

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X-FLARES, PCAs and CMES

Ted Leaf, K6HI of Kailua Kona, Hawaii asked an interesting question. He wrote, "Which is worse, X flare or CME? Note, sometimes get hit by both."

He provided a couple of references:

<http://cse.ssl.berkeley.edu/coronalweather/CMESFlares/index.html>

<http://www.nasa.gov/content/goddard/the-difference-between-flares-and-cmes/>

I passed this question on to Carl Luetzelshwab, K9LA. Carl wrote:

"Big flares can cause polar cap absorption events (PCAs) and radio blackouts on the sunlit side of the earth. PCAs (also called solar radiation storms by NASA) can adversely affect paths that go over the north and south poles (but not affect them necessarily the same) - like the West Coast to Europe path, and the Midwest to India and deep into Russia paths. Radio blackouts can increase D region absorption on a path in daylight, and they affect the lower bands the most.

CMES can cause aurora and depleted F2 region ionization at mid and high latitudes. NASA lumps these together as a geomagnetic storm. Aurora is usually associated with increased absorption at HF (but VHFers like it for aurora!). Depleted F2 region ionization means lower MUFs at mid and high latitudes.

The effect of radio blackouts can last for several hours, and as mentioned above they affect the lower frequencies the most (since absorption is inversely proportional to the square of the frequency). The mitigation for radio blackouts is to go higher in frequency.

The effect of PCAs can last for several days. The mitigation for them is to try the other way around. In other words, try long path across the other pole.

The effect of CMES can last for up to a week. The mitigation for lower MUFs at mid and high latitudes is to look for low latitude paths - for example, the southern US to VK/ZL.

In my opinion, CMES are the most detrimental due to decreased MUFs over large areas and the longest duration."

Douglas Moore sends a fascinating article from the New York Times about sprites above thunderclouds and the work of Thomas Ashcraft of New Mexico. Ashcraft has been featured in the past on

Spaceweather.com. The article is linked from <http://nyti.ms/YAZIr1>  
[presumably regarding setting off sporadic E --- gh]

(QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 40 ARLP040, From Tad Cook,  
K7RA, Seattle, WA October 3, 2014, To all radio amateurs, via Dave  
Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 29 September - 05 October  
2014

Solar activity reached high levels this period. Region 2173 (S17,  
L=250, class/area=Dac/160 on 28 Sep) produced an M7/1f flare on 02 Oct  
at 1901 UTC while crossing the west limb. Associated Type-II (est.  
speed 714 km/s) and Type-IV radio emissions were observed with this  
event. Region 2172 (S11, L=239, class/area=Ekc/570 on 23 Sep) produced  
an M1/Sf flare on 02 Oct at 1744 UTC. Coronal mass ejections (CMEs)  
were observed off the southwest limb with both of these events, but  
the proximity of the source regions and event times in addition to  
incomplete SOHO/LASCO coronagraph imagery made it difficult to  
differentiate between the two CMEs. Subsequent analysis determined  
that these CMEs were directed well west of the Sun-Earth line. Regions  
2172 and 2173 were the most productive regions this period and were  
also responsible for additional low to mid-level C-class flare  
activity. Two filament eruptions were observed on 02 Oct, the first of  
which was centered near N18W07 and erupted at 0330 UTC and the second  
was centered near N29W09 and erupted at 0550 UTC. SDO/AIA 193 and 304  
imagery indicated that the bulk of the ejecta with the filament  
eruptions were reabsorbed and no subsequent CME signatures were  
observed in SOHO/LASCO imagery.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at  
low to moderate levels on 30 Sep and 03-05 Oct but reached high  
levels on 29 Sep and 01-02 Oct, reaching a maximum flux value of  
1630 pfu on 01 Oct at 1720 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity was at predominately quiet to unsettled  
levels under a nominal solar wind regime. Isolated periods of active

geomagnetic field activity were observed on 29 Sep (1800-2100 UTC), 30 Sep (0300-0600 UTC and 0900-1200 UTC), and 01 Oct (0000-0300 UTC) due to multiple current sheet crossings and prolonged southward Bz.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 06 OCT - 01 NOV 2014

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a slight chance for R1-R2 (Minor-Moderate) flare activity for 15-28 Oct as Regions 2172 (S11, L=239), 2173 (S17, L=250), and 2175 (N17, L=262) return to the visible disk.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels for 06-11 Oct and 15-25 Oct with a chance for high levels on 12-15 Oct and 26 Oct-01 Nov due to an enhanced solar wind environment caused by the influence of several coronal hole high speed streams (CH HSSs).

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet for 08-10, 12-14, 18, and 30 Oct due to a predominately nominal solar wind regime. Quiet to unsettled activity is expected for 06-07, 11, 15, 17, 19-20, 25-29, 31 Oct, and 01 Nov due to the weak influence of multiple CH HSSs. Active conditions are expected for 16, 22-24 Oct due to the moderate influence of multiple CH HSSs. G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm conditions are likely on 21 Oct due to strong positive polarity CH HSS effects.

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2014-10-06

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|   | 2014 Oct 07 | 120        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Oct 08 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 09 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 10 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 11 | 110        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Oct 12 | 110        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 13 | 110        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 14 | 120        | 5         | 2        |

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| 2014 Oct 15 | 130 | 8  | 3 |
| 2014 Oct 16 | 145 | 15 | 4 |
| 2014 Oct 17 | 145 | 8  | 3 |
| 2014 Oct 18 | 145 | 5  | 2 |
| 2014 Oct 19 | 140 | 8  | 3 |
| 2014 Oct 20 | 135 | 10 | 3 |
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| 2014 Oct 25 | 140 | 10 | 3 |
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| 2014 Oct 27 | 130 | 10 | 3 |
| 2014 Oct 28 | 125 | 10 | 3 |
| 2014 Oct 29 | 125 | 8  | 3 |
| 2014 Oct 30 | 120 | 5  | 2 |
| 2014 Oct 31 | 120 | 8  | 3 |
| 2014 Nov 01 | 125 | 8  | 3 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1742, DXLD)

#### NEW UK SPACE WEATHER CENTRE OPENED

8 October 2014 - Greg Clark, Minister of University, Science and Cities, is opening the UK's only dedicated space weather forecast centre today.

The centre is a key milestone in the protection of the UK economy and infrastructure from the real threat of severe space weather events.

The Met Office Space Weather Centre, based at the Met Office's headquarters in Exeter, is the culmination of more than three years work to combine the space weather resources and scientific expertise of the UK and USA and was made possible by £4.6 million funding from Government.

It is operational 24/7 providing space weather forecasts and developing an early warning system aimed at protecting critical infrastructure from the impacts of space weather. [...]

Full press release at:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/news/releases/archive/2014/space-weather>

Met Office Space Weather page is here:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/publicsector/emergencies/space-weather>

and MOSWC forecasts are here:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/publicsector/emergencies/space-weather/forecasts>

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